

## Regulations

### Key Information

<b>Closing date</b>	15 August
<b>Value</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• \$6,000</li><li>• Opportunity to participate in a UC-sponsored leadership programme</li></ul>
<b>Tenure</b>	One year
<b>Number available</b>	150
<b>Applicable programme during tenure</b>	First year of full-time study in an undergraduate degree programme at UC.
<b>Special requirements</b>	Applicants must be: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• New Zealand or Australian citizens; or</li><li>• holders of New Zealand residence class visas; or</li><li>• international students<sup>1</sup> studying at secondary level in New Zealand.</li></ul>

### 1. Purpose

This scholarship recognises high academic achievement, as well as leadership potential and involvement in community, culture, and sports activities, amongst intending first-year students at the University of Canterbury.

### 2. Eligibility criteria

2.1 Applicants must be intending to begin their first year of full-time study in an undergraduate degree programme at the University.<sup>2</sup>

2.2 Applicants must have completed, or be completing, a University Entrance qualification or equivalent,<sup>3</sup> and have studied at secondary level in the year of application (or in the previous year if they are on a gap year).<sup>4</sup>

2.3 The award of a scholarship is subject to the recipient achieving university entrance.

2.4 Applicants must be:

- New Zealand or Australian citizens; or
- holders of New Zealand residence class visas; or
- international students<sup>1</sup> studying at secondary level in New Zealand.

2.5 The scholarship is available annually, in the following five categories, to applicants assessed on the criteria listed in section 4. Applicants may be considered under more than one category, but will not be eligible to hold more than one UC Emerging Leaders' Scholarship. Approximate numbers can be found in the appendix.

- All-round Excellence
- Student Leader: Scholarships are available to applicants who were the Head Girl/Boy or Deputy Head Girl/Boy (or who held an equivalent position) in a New Zealand school in the year of application (or in the previous year if they are on a gap year<sup>2</sup>).

- **Māori Leadership**: Scholarships are available to students of Māori whakapapa (descent) who can demonstrate participation, contribution, and/or leadership within their whānau, hapū, iwi, and/or community. Five of these scholarships are reserved for students of Ngāi Tahu whakapapa.
- **Pasifika Leadership**: Scholarships are available to Pasifika students<sup>5</sup> who have demonstrated participation, contribution, and/or leadership within their own community and the Pasifika community.
- **Sports**: Scholarships are available to students who can demonstrate outstanding sporting achievement.

### 3. Selection process

3.1 150 scholarships are available annually.

3.2 The scholarship is awarded by the Council of the University, on the recommendation of a selection committee comprising:

- a. the Vice-Chancellor (or nominee);
- b. the Assistant Vice-Chancellor (Māori) (or nominee)
- c. an invited principal of a secondary school;
- d. the Executive Director, Student Services and Communications (or nominee);
- e. the Student Success Manager (or nominee); and
- f. the Director of the Ngāi Tahu Research Centre (or nominee).<sup>6</sup>

### 4. Selection criteria

4.1 In making its recommendations the selection committee considers:

- a. quality of achievement at NCEA Level 2 or in equivalent university entrance qualifications (achievement must be at least NCEA Level 2 at Merit level or equivalent);
- b. evidence of leadership potential; and
- c. involvement in community, cultural, and sporting activities.

4.2 For candidates in the indicated categories, the following are also considered:

- a. **Māori Leadership**: Evidence of the applicant's participation and contribution to Māori development within his or her whānau, hapū, or iwi, and/or community.<sup>7</sup>
- b. **Pasifika Leadership**: Evidence of the applicant's participation in and contribution to the development of Pasifika peoples and the aspirations of their communities.
- c. **Sports**: Evidence of achievement in the applicant's chosen sporting field.

4.3 The appendix shows the approximate distribution of scholarships among the categories. A number of scholarships across the different categories are reserved for applicants from Christchurch<sup>8</sup> secondary schools and to support current priorities of the University.

4.4 The selection committee may consider distribution amongst students in such a way that diversity of recipients with regard to their colleges, schools, departments, and programmes is supported.

4.5 If, in any year, there are fewer candidates of sufficient merit in a category than there are scholarships available, the selection committee may assign the surplus scholarships to another category. This clause does not apply to the scholarships reserved for applicants of Ngāi Tahu whakapapa.

### 5. Application process

Applications must be made online at the Scholarships website<sup>9</sup> by 15 August.

## 6. Tenability

- 6.1 The scholarship is tenable in a first year of full-time study in an undergraduate degree programme at the University.
- 6.2 The scholarship is tenable for one year.
- 6.3 The scholarship is co-tenable with any other award, unless the conditions of the other award preclude this (see clause 7.2c).

## 7. Value and payment schedule

- 7.1 The scholarship provides financial assistance to a value of \$6,000. In addition, it provides an opportunity to participate in a UC-sponsored leadership programme, which recipients are expected to engage in.
- 7.2 The scholarship is paid to a recipient in one of two ways, as selected by the recipient:
  - a. A credit, in the year following the year of tenure, to the recipient's tuition fees account at the University; or
  - b. Credits, in the year of tenure, to the recipient's accommodation fees account at a hall of residence or student village, recognised by the University,<sup>10</sup> in which a student has accepted an offer of a place. The payments are made pro rata according to the hall or village's advertised payment schedule.
  - c. If the recipient selects option 7.2a, and (i) the recipient holds another scholarship that in the year following the year of tenure of the UC Emerging Leaders' Scholarship pays the student's tuition fees account, and (ii) the other scholarship does not fully cover the student's tuition fees, then the UC Emerging Leaders' Scholarship will top up (to a maximum of \$6,000) the other scholarship's payment to the extent that the tuition fees will be fully covered. If there is no such shortfall in the other scholarship's coverage of the tuition fees, the UC Emerging Leaders' Scholarship will be held in name only.

## 8. Conditions of acceptance

- 8.1 Unless otherwise specified in the offer letter, an offer of a scholarship lapses if it is not formally accepted within one calendar month of the date of the offer.
- 8.2 Scholarships must be taken up in the year following the year of application.
- 8.3 Recipients must make an Application to Enrol for full-time study at the University by the second Monday in December in the year prior to their first enrolment.
- 8.4 By accepting the award, recipients permit publication and announcement of their acceptance, and indicate that they are willing to engage in University community activities, such as student mentoring, acting as University ambassadors, and being involved with University publicity as appropriate.
- 8.5 In the event where a recipient's enrolment in the year of tenure no longer meets the conditions specified in clause 6.1, the scholarship is withdrawn and any paid funds may be recovered.
- 8.6 If a recipient has chosen to have the scholarship credited to an accommodation fees account, and the recipient withdraws from the village or hall in the year of tenure, any remaining balance of the scholarship will be credited to the recipient's tuition fees account in the year following the year of tenure.
- 8.7 Continuation of a scholarship is conditional on satisfactory academic progress and adherence to the University's statutes and regulations.

## 9. Background information

The University established the scholarship in 2002 under the name *Canterbury Undergraduate Scholarships*. It was renamed in 2003 to reflect recognition of leadership potential in recipients.

## Appendix: Approximate distribution of the scholarships

All-round Excellence	71
Student Leader	30
Māori Leadership	23
Pasifika Leadership	11
Sports	15

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<sup>1</sup> For the University's definition of international student see <https://www.canterbury.ac.nz/get-started/scholarships/glossary-of-terms/>.

<sup>2</sup> Participation in STAR courses, community education courses offered by tertiary institutions, orientation, or general interest programmes run by tertiary institutions for secondary school students does not preclude application for the UC Emerging Leaders' Scholarship.

<sup>3</sup> A University Entrance-equivalent qualification is one that is deemed, by the University, to be appropriate to permit student admission (with equivalent standing) to the University.

<sup>4</sup> Candidates who are on a gap year and who met the scholarship's conditions in the year before the year of application are eligible. For the University's definition of *gap year* with regard to scholarships see <http://www.canterbury.ac.nz/get-started/scholarships/glossary-of-terms/>.

<sup>5</sup> For the University's definition of *Pasifika student* see <http://www.canterbury.ac.nz/get-started/scholarships/glossary-of-terms/>.

<sup>6</sup> The Director of the Ngāi Tahu Research Centre (or nominee) makes recommendations for those scholarships considered for students of Ngāi Tahu whakapapa.

<sup>7</sup> Acceptable sources of evidence of participation and contribution to Māori development include a kaiako Māori, a leader within a Māori community, a kaumātua, or a representative of a Māori authority, rūnanga, marae, Māori trust board, or other Māori organisation.

<sup>8</sup> *Christchurch* is here defined as the territory of the Christchurch City Council. See <https://ccc.govt.nz/the-council/how-the-council-works/elected-members/representation/> for details.

<sup>9</sup> <http://www.canterbury.ac.nz/scholarships/>

<sup>10</sup> <http://www.canterbury.ac.nz/life/accommodation/halls/>