

The UC Hiranga Scholarship

Regulations

Key Information

Closing date	15 August
Value	\$5,000
Tenure	One year
Number available annually	500
Applicable enrolment during tenure	Full-time enrolment ¹ in a first year of an undergraduate degree programme.

1. Purpose

This scholarship recognises and supports top-achieving students commencing an undergraduate degree programme 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.²
- 2.2 Applicants must have completed, or be completing, a University Entrance qualification or equivalent,³ and have studied at secondary level in the year of application (or in the previous year if they are on a gap year⁴), either (1) in New Zealand, or (2) overseas at Te Aho o Te Kura Pounamu.⁵
- 2.3 Applicants may not have been enrolled in a degree programme at another university after gaining University Entrance or equivalent.

3. Application process

Applications must be made online at the Scholarships website⁶ by 15 August.

4. Selection process

- 4.1 Five hundred scholarships are available annually.
- 4.2 The scholarship is awarded by the Council of the University on the recommendation of a selection committee comprising:
 - a. the Vice-Chancellor (or nominee); and
 - b. the Recruitment Manager (or nominee).

5. Selection criteria

- 5.1 In making the recommendations, the selection committee considers academic achievement at NCEA Level 2 or in equivalent university entrance qualifications (achievement must be at least at NCEA Level 2 Excellence level or equivalent).
- 5.2 If, in any year, there are fewer candidates of sufficient merit than there are scholarships available, fewer scholarships are awarded.

6. Conditions of acceptance

- 6.1 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.
- 6.2 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.

7. Value and payment schedule

- 7.1 The scholarship provides financial assistance at a value of \$5,000.
- 7.2 The scholarship is paid by direct credit to a recipient's nominated New Zealand bank account as soon as practicable after:
- the final date, in the first semester of enrolment, on which a student may receive a full refund for withdrawal from a course;⁷ and
 - confirmation of enrolment as specified in clause 8.2.

8. Tenability and retention criteria

- 8.1 The scholarship must be taken up in the year following the year of application.
- 8.2 The scholarship is tenable during full-time enrolment¹ over two consecutive semesters of study in a first year of an undergraduate degree programme at the University.
- 8.3 Recipients may commence study in either Semester One or Semester Two, but they must remain enrolled at the University full-time¹ in their first year of study in an undergraduate degree programme over the subsequent year.
- 8.4 The scholarship is co-tenable with any other award unless the conditions of the other award preclude this.
- 8.5 In the event where a recipient's enrolment in the year of tenure no longer meets the conditions specified in clause 8.2, the scholarship is withdrawn and any paid funds may be recovered.
- 8.6 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 2020. It replaces the UC Undergraduate Entrance Scholarship.

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Notes

¹ For the University's definition of *Enrolment, full-time* see <https://www.canterbury.ac.nz/regulations/general-regulations/glossary-of-terms/>.

² 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 Hirainga Scholarship.

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

⁴ For the University's definition of *gap year* with regard to scholarships, see <https://www.canterbury.ac.nz/get-started/scholarships/glossary-of-terms/>.

⁵ New Zealand secondary-level students who go on an official overseas exchange during or after secondary-level study may be considered on a case-by-case basis.

⁶ www.canterbury.ac.nz/scholarships/

⁷ For the final dates on which students may receive a full refund for withdrawal from a course see <https://www.canterbury.ac.nz/study/keydates/course-dates/>.