

The UC International First Year Scholarship (NZ School- Leaver)



Regulations

Key Information

Closing date	15 August
Value	\$15,000
Tenure	One year
Number available annually	Ten
Applicable enrolment during tenure	Full-time enrolment in a first year of a programme for an undergraduate degree.
Special requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Recipients must be full-fee-paying international students.¹• Applicants may not be:<ul style="list-style-type: none">a. citizens of New Zealand or Australia;b. Permanent Residents of Australia; orc. holders of New Zealand residence class visas.

1. Purpose

This scholarship recognises and supports top-achieving international students commencing an undergraduate degree programme at the University of Canterbury.

2. Eligibility criteria

2.1 Recipients must be full-fee-paying international students.¹

2.2 Applicants may not be:

- a. citizens of New Zealand or Australia;
- b. Permanent Residents of Australia; or
- c. holders of New Zealand residence class visas.

2.3 Applicants must have completed, or be completing, a University Entrance qualification or equivalent,² and have studied at secondary level in New Zealand in the year of application (or in the previous year if they are on a gap year).³

2.4 Applicants must have applied for admission to the University by 15 August.⁴

2.5 The scholarship is not tenable by students who have completed a programme at the UC International College (UCIC) or who have already undertaken partial study in an undergraduate degree programme at any other New Zealand tertiary institution.⁵

3. Application process

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

4. Selection process

4.1 Ten 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 Executive Director, Student Services and Communications (or nominee); and
- c. another member of the University staff.

5. Selection criteria

5.1 In making its recommendations, the committee considers, in descending order of priority:

- a. quality of achievement in a programme of study as defined in clause 2.3 (and note 2);
- b. character, and evidence of leadership potential and of involvement in cultural, sport, and/or community activities;
- c. financial circumstances; and
- d. strategic objectives of the University.

5.2 If, in any year, there are fewer candidates of sufficient merit than there are scholarships available, fewer awards are made. In such a case, the funding for unawarded scholarships may be used to allow for additional UC International First Year Scholarships (Offshore) to be offered.

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 \$15,000.

7.2 The scholarship is paid to the recipient's University tuition fees account at the time of enrolment in a programme 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 for full-time enrolment in the first year of a programme for an undergraduate degree at the University.

8.3 The scholarship is co-tenable with any other award unless the conditions of the other award preclude this.

8.4 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.

8.5 Continuation of a scholarship is conditional on satisfactory academic engagement⁷ and adherence to the University's statutes and regulations.

9. Background information

The University established the scholarship in 2020. It partly replaces the UC International First Year Scholarship, which the University established in 2012.

Notes

¹ If, during the tenure of a scholarship, a recipient's immigration status changes so that they are no longer a full-fee-paying international student and thereby obtain a partial refund of academic fees from the University, the scholarship is withdrawn, and any scholarship money paid since the status change was recorded at the University is refunded to the University.

² 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.

³ 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/>.

⁴ International students who expect to gain university entrance via NCEA do not need to apply for admission. However, they do need to apply to enrol. Go to <http://www.canterbury.ac.nz/enrol/?s=home> for information on how to enrol.

⁵ Participation in STAR courses, community education courses offered by tertiary institutions, orientation or general interest programmes run by tertiary institutions for secondary school students, or programmes designed to prepare a student for entry into tertiary education (i.e. foundation programmes) does not preclude application for the UC International First Year Scholarship.

⁶ <http://www.canterbury.ac.nz/scholarships/>

⁷ For the University's definition of *satisfactory academic engagement* with regard to scholarships, see <https://www.canterbury.ac.nz/get-started/scholarships/glossary-of-terms/>.