UC Kaitoko Māori Scholarship



Waeture | Regulations

Whakamāramatanga | Key Information

Rā whakamutunga Closing date	15 August
Whaipainga Value	 \$7,500 The opportunity to participate in the UC Māori leadership programme, Paihere, and a UC-sponsored general leadership programme.
Wā roanga Tenure	One year
Rahinga ia tau Number available annually	Forty, five of which are reserved for ākonga students who have whakapapa Ngāi Tahu.
Herenga tika Applicable enrolment during tenure	The first year of full-time study in an undergraduate degree programme at UC.
Herenga motuhake Special requirements	 Applicants must have whakapapa Māori and be: Aotearoa New Zealand or Australian citizens; or holders of Aotearoa New Zealand residence class visas; or international students¹ studying at secondary level in Aotearoa New Zealand.

1. Aronga | Purpose

This scholarship recognises leadership potential, involvement in community and cultural activities, and high academic achievement amongst intending first-year ākonga | students who have whakapapa Māori at Te Whare Wānanga o Waitaha | University of Canterbury.

2. Paearu māraurau | Eligibility criteria

- 2.1 Applicants must not have been enrolled in a degree programme at any tertiary institute.²
- 2.2 Applicants must have whakapapa Māori.
- 2.3 Applicants must be:
 - a. Aotearoa New Zealand or Australian citizens; or
 - b. holders of Aotearoa New Zealand residence class visas; or
 - c. international students¹ studying at secondary level in Aotearoa New Zealand.

3. Tukanga tononga | Application process

Applications must be made online at the Scholarships website³ by 15 August.

4. Tukanga kōwhiringa | Selection process

- 4.1 Forty scholarships are available annually, five of which are reserved for ākonga | students who have whakapapa Ngāi Tahu.
- 4.2 The scholarship is awarded by Te Kaunihera o Te Whare Wānanga o Waitaha | the Council of the University on the recommendation of a selection committee comprising:
 - a. the Tumu Whakarae | Vice-Chancellor (or nominee);
 - b. the Kaihautū Kā Waimaero UC Māori (or nominee);
 - c. the Director of Recruitment (or nominee);
 - d. the Student Experience Manager (or nominee); and
 - e. the Kaihautū Kā Waimaero | Director of the Ngāi Tahu Research Centre (or nominee).4

5. Paearu kōwhiringa | Selection criteria

- 5.1 In making the recommendations, the selection committee considers, in descending order of priority:
 - a. evidence of the applicant's participation and contribution to Māori development within their whānau, hapū, or iwi, and/or community;
 - b. involvement in community and/or cultural activities;
 - c. 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);
 - d. evidence of leadership potential; and
 - e. strategic objectives of the University.
- 5.2 If, in any year, there are fewer candidates of sufficient merit than there are scholarships available, fewer are awarded.

6. Herenga whakaaetanga | 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:
 - a. permit publication and announcement of their acceptance;
 - b. indicate that they are willing to:
 - i. engage in the UC Māori leadership programme, Paihere (see clause 7.1), and other relevant kaupapa, including Tōia Mai noho marae for first-year ākonga | students, and Eke Panuku | Māori orientation:
 - ii. act as UC Māori ambassadors;
 - iii. engage in a UC-sponsored general leadership programme (see clause 7.1); and
 - iv. be involved with University publicity as appropriate.

7. Mahere utu | Value and payment schedule

- 7.1 The scholarship provides financial assistance at a value of \$7,500. In addition, it provides an opportunity to participate in the UC Māori leadership programme, Paihere, and a UC-sponsored general leadership programme.
- 7.2 The value of the scholarship is credited directly to a recipient's University fees, in the first year that fees are payable.
- 7.3 If a recipient holds any other scholarship that pays tuition fees, that scholarship takes precedence in the payment of the recipient's tuition fees. If the other scholarship does not fully cover the student's tuition fees, then the UC Kaitoko Māori Scholarship tops up (to a maximum of \$7,500) the other scholarship's payment to the extent that the tuition fees are fully covered. If there is no such shortfall in the other scholarship's coverage of the tuition fees, the UC Kaitoko Māori Scholarship is held in name only.

8. Paearu here | Tenability and retention criteria

- 8.1 The scholarship must be taken up in the year following the year of application.
- 8.2 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.
- 8.3 The scholarship is tenable in the first year of full-time study in a programme for an undergraduate degree at the University.
- 8.4 The scholarship is tenable for one year.
- 8.5 The scholarship is not co-tenable with the following scholarships:
 - a. Outstanding Impact Scholarship
 - b. UC Haupatu Scholarship
 - c. Empowerment Through Adversity Scholarship
 - d. UC Kaitoko Pacific Scholarship
 - e. Te Kakau a Māui Scholarship

It is co-tenable with any other award unless the conditions of the other award preclude this.

- 8.6 In the event where a recipient's enrolment in the year of tenure no longer meets the conditions specified in clause 8.3, the scholarship is withdrawn and any paid funds may be recovered.
- 8.7 Continuation of a scholarship is conditional on satisfactory academic engagement⁵ and adherence to the University's statutes and regulations.

9. Whakamahuki | Background information

The University established the scholarship in 2020.

Rā whakaae | Approval date: May 2024

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Pitopito korero | Notes

¹ For the University's definition of *international student* see https://www.canterbury.ac.nz/study/getting-started/scholarships/scholarship-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 this award.

³ https://www.canterbury.ac.nz/study/getting-started/scholarships

⁴ The Kaihautū Kā Waimaero | Director of the Ngāi Tahu Research Centre (or nominee) makes recommendations for those scholarships considered for ākonga | students who have whakapapa Ngāi Tahu.

⁵ For the University's definition of *satisfactory academic engagement* with regard to scholarships, see https://www.canterbury.ac.nz/study/getting-started/scholarships/scholarship-glossary-of-terms.