

UC Kaitoko Pasifika Scholarship

Waeture | Regulations

Whakamāramatanga | Key Information

Rā whakamutunga Closing date	15 August
Whaipainga Value	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$6,000 • The opportunity to participate in a UC-sponsored leadership programme.
Wā roanga Tenure	One year
Rahinga ia tau Number available annually	Ten
Herenga tika Applicable enrolment during tenure	The first year of full-time study in an undergraduate degree programme at UC.
Herenga motuhake Special requirements	<p>Applicants must be Pasifika¹ and:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New Zealand or Australian citizens; or • holders of New Zealand residence class visas; or • international students² studying at secondary level in New Zealand.

1. Aronga | Purpose

This scholarship recognises high academic achievement, as well as leadership potential and involvement in Pasifika community and/or Pasifika cultural activities, amongst intending first-year Pasifika students¹ at the University of Canterbury.

2. Paearu māraurau | Eligibility criteria

- 2.1 Applicants must be intending to begin their first year of full-time study in a programme for an undergraduate degree at the University.³
- 2.2 Applicants must have completed, or be completing, a University Entrance qualification or equivalent,⁴ and have studied at secondary level in the year of application (or in the previous year if they are on a gap year).⁵
- 2.3 Applicants must be Pasifika.¹
- 2.4 Applicants must be:
 - a. New Zealand or Australian citizens; or
 - b. holders of New Zealand residence class visas; or
 - c. international students¹ studying at secondary level in New Zealand.

3. Tukanga tononga | Application process

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

4. Tukanga kōwhiringa | 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);
- b. the Executive Director, Student Services and Communications (or nominee);
- c. the Student Success Director (or nominee); and
- d. the Director of Pasifika Development (or nominee).

5. Paearu kōwhiringa | Selection criteria

5.1 In making the recommendations, the selection committee gives equal consideration to:

- 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;
- c. involvement in Pasifika community and/or Pasifika cultural activities;
- d. evidence of the applicant's participation in and contribution to the development of Pasifika peoples and the aspirations of their communities; 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, a recipient:

- a. permits publication and announcement of their acceptance; and
- b. indicates that they are willing to, where their time permits:
 - i. engage in the UC-sponsored leadership programme (see clause 7.1);
 - ii. engage in University community activities, such as student mentoring and acting as University ambassadors; and
 - iii. 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 \$6,000. In addition, it provides an opportunity to participate in a UC-sponsored leadership programme.

7.2 The scholarship is paid as soon as practicable after:

- a. 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
- b. confirmation of enrolment as specified in clause 8.3.

7.3 The scholarship is paid in one of two ways, as selected by the recipient:

- a. A credit, in the first year that fees are payable, 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,⁸ in which a student has accepted an

offer of a place. The payments are made after confirmation of the student's residence in the hall or village.

- 7.4 If the recipient selects option 7.3a, and (i) the recipient holds another scholarship that in the year following the year of tenure of the UC Kaitoko Pasifika 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 Kaitoko Pasifika Scholarship tops up (to a maximum of \$6,000) 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 Pasifika Scholarship is held in name only.
- 7.5 The scholarship cannot be used to pay the accommodation application fee or deposit.

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 a 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:
- UC Auaha Scholarship
 - UC Haupatu Scholarship
 - UC Horomata Scholarship
 - UC Kaitoko Māori Scholarship
 - UC Kete Aronui Scholarship
- The scholarship is co-tenable with any other award unless the conditions of the other award preclude this (see clause 7.4).
- 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 progress and adherence to the University's statutes and regulations.

9. Whakamahuki | Background information

The University established the scholarship in 2020.

Rā whakaae | Approval date: April 2020

Pitopito kōrero | Notes

¹ For the University's definition of *Pasifika student* see

<https://www.canterbury.ac.nz/media/documents/regulations/general-regs-glossary.pdf>.

² For the University's definition of *international student* see

<https://www.canterbury.ac.nz/media/documents/regulations/general-regs-glossary.pdf>

³ 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 Kaitoko Pasifika Scholarship.

⁴ 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.

⁵ 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/>.

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/>.

⁸ <http://www.canterbury.ac.nz/life/accommodation/halls/>