

The UC Mathematics and Statistics High Achievers Award

Regulations

Key Information

Closing date	15 August
Value	\$2,000
Tenure	One year
Number available annually	Five, one of which is reserved for a Māori or Pasifika student. ¹
Applicable enrolment during tenure	<p>Full-time enrolment in a programme for a BA or BSc degree at the University with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a major in Data Science and an enrolment in MATH 102 and STAT101; or • a major in Financial Engineering and an enrolment in MATH 103 and STAT 101; or • a major in Mathematics and an enrolment in MATH 103; or • a major in Statistics and an enrolment in STAT 101.² <p>Recipients who have completed MATH 199 are exempt from enrolling in MATH 102 or MATH 103.</p>

1. Purpose

This scholarship recognises and supports high-achieving students at the University of Canterbury who are entering their first year of a Bachelor of Arts (BA) or a Bachelor of Science (BSc) degree programme and majoring in, Data Science, Financial Engineering, Mathematics, or Statistics.

2. Eligibility criteria

Applicants must have completed, or be completing, a university entrance qualification and have studied at secondary level in New Zealand in the year of application (or, in the case of a gap year, in the year immediately prior),³ either (1) in New Zealand, or (2) overseas at Te Aho o Te Kura. International students who meet these requirements are eligible to apply.

3. Application process

Applications must be made online at the Scholarships website⁴ by 15 August.

4. Selection process

4.1 Five scholarships are available annually, of which one is reserved for a Māori or Pasifika student.¹

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 Head of the School of Mathematics and Statistics (or nominee).

5. Selection criteria

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

- a. academic achievement; and
- b. demonstrated commitment to, or interest in, the intended degree programme.

5.2 If, in any year, there is no Māori or Pasifika applicant of sufficient merit, the scholarship reserved for such students is made available to other applicants.

5.3 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 \$2,000.

7.2 The scholarship is paid by direct credit to a recipient's nominated New Zealand bank account 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;⁵ and
- b. 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 enrolment in a programme for a BA or BSc degree at the University with:

- a. a major in Data Science and an enrolment in MATH 102 and STAT 101; or
- b. a major in Financial Engineering and an enrolment in MATH 103 and STAT 101; or
- c. a major in Mathematics and an enrolment in MATH 103; or
- d. a major in Statistics and an enrolment in STAT 101.²

Recipients who have completed MATH 199 are exempt from enrolling in MATH 102 or MATH 103.

8.3 The scholarship is tenable for one year.

8.4 The scholarship is co-tenable with the following:

- a. Tuition fee scholarships
- b. The UC Hiranga Scholarship
- c. The Go Canterbury Scholarship
- d. Any award that is not funded by the University, unless the conditions of the other award preclude this.

8.5 Apart from those scholarships listed in clause 8.4, the scholarship is not co-tenable with any other University of Canterbury-funded award.

- 8.6 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.
- 8.7 Continuation of a scholarship is conditional on satisfactory academic progress and adherence to the University's statutes and regulations.

9. Background information

The then University of Canterbury Department of Mathematics and Statistics established the scholarship in 2012.

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Notes

¹ For the University's definition of *Pasifika student* with regard to scholarships see <http://www.canterbury.ac.nz/get-started/scholarships/glossary-of-terms/>.

² A recipient who has already completed one of the specified courses, or equivalent, may apply to the [Scholarships Office](#) for an exemption from enrolling in that specified course.

³ 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 www.canterbury.ac.nz/scholarships/

⁵ 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/>.