

# UC Māpura Bright Start Scholarship

## Waeture | Regulations

### Whakamāramatanga | Key Information

<b>Rā whakamutunga</b> Closing date	15 August
<b>Whaipanga   Value</b>	Tuition fees and all compulsory fees charged by the University. <sup>1</sup>
<b>Wā roanga   Tenure</b>	One year
<b>Rahinga ia tau   Number available annually</b>	Up to fifteen
<b>Herenga tika   Applicable enrolment/programmes during tenure</b>	First year of full-time study in an undergraduate degree programme.
<b>Herenga motuhake</b> Special requirements	Applicants must be: a. citizens of Aotearoa New Zealand; or b. holders of Aotearoa New Zealand residence class visas who have resided in Aotearoa New Zealand for at least the 12 months immediately preceding the closing date for applications; or c. holders of refugee status granted by Aotearoa New Zealand.  Preference is given to: a. those with whakapapa Māori; or b. Pacific/Pasifika students, <sup>2</sup> or c. current or former holders of refugee status granted by Aotearoa New Zealand.

#### 1. Aronga | Purpose

This scholarship supports academically able students who are entering tertiary study for the first time and whose financial or personal circumstances might have prevented them from considering entry to tertiary education in the absence of the scholarship.

#### 2. Paearu māraurau | Eligibility criteria

2.1 Applicants must not have participated in a programme at any tertiary education institution.<sup>3</sup>

2.2 Applicants must have studied at secondary level in the year of application (or in the previous year if they are on a gap year).<sup>4</sup>

2.3 Applicants must be:

- Aotearoa New Zealand citizens; or

- b. holders of Aotearoa New Zealand residence class visas, who have resided in Aotearoa New Zealand for at least the 12 months immediately preceding the closing date for applications; or
- c. holders of refugee status granted by Aotearoa New Zealand.

### **3. Tukanga tononga | Application process**

Applications must be made online at the Scholarships website<sup>5</sup> by 15 August.

### **4. Tukanga kōwhiringa | Selection process**

4.1 Up to 15 scholarships are available annually.

4.2 The scholarship is awarded by Te Kaunihera | University Council on the recommendation of a selection committee comprising:

- a. the Tumu Whakarae | Vice-Chancellor (or nominee);
- b. a trustee of Tūmahana | University of Canterbury Foundation (or nominee); and
- c. the Kaihautū Matua Pākākano | Executive Director, Māori, Pacific, and Equity (or nominee).

### **5. Paearu kōwhiringa | Selection criteria**

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

- a. personal or financial circumstances restricting the applicant's ability to undertake tertiary education; and
- b. academic achievement.

Preference is given to the following:

- i. Those with whakapapa Māori
- ii. Pacific/Pasifika students<sup>2</sup>
- iii. Current or former holders of refugee status granted by Aotearoa New Zealand

5.2 If, in any year, there are fewer candidates of sufficient merit than there are scholarships available, fewer scholarships are offered.

### **6. Mahere utu | Value and payment schedule**

6.1 The scholarship pays tuition fees and all compulsory fees charged by the University.<sup>1</sup>

6.2 The scholarship is paid to a recipient's tuition fees account. If no fees are payable in the year of tenure, the payment is made to the tuition fees account in the first year in which tuition fees are payable by the recipient.

### **7. Paearu here | Tenability and retention criteria**

7.1 The scholarship must be taken up in the year following the year of application. Deferrals are not considered.

7.2 The scholarship is tenable during full-time enrolment at the University in a recipient's first year of study in a programme for an undergraduate degree.

7.3 The scholarship is tenable for one year.

7.4 The scholarship is not co-tenable with any award that comprises payment of tuition fees. It is co-tenable with any other award unless the conditions of the other award preclude this.

7.5 By accepting the award, recipients agree to provide, through Tūmahana | University of Canterbury Foundation,<sup>6</sup> a letter of thanks to the supporters of the scholarship.

7.6 If, during tenure, a recipient's enrolment no longer meets the conditions specified in clause 7.2, the scholarship may be withdrawn and any paid funds may be recovered.

7.7 Continuation of a scholarship is conditional on satisfactory academic engagement<sup>7</sup> and adherence to the University's statutes, regulations, policies, and rules.

## 8. Whakamahuki | Background information

The CTEMT Canterbury Bright Start Scholarship was established in 2001 by the Canterbury Tertiary Education Millennial Trust for students from the Waitaha Canterbury, Te Tai Poutini West Coast, Whakatū Nelson, and Te Taihū-o-te-waka Marlborough regions who had the ability to succeed in tertiary study but who were experiencing financial or significant personal hardship. The scholarship was for tenure at the Christchurch Polytechnic Institute of Technology, Te Whare Wānaka of Aoraki | Lincoln University, and Te Whare Wānanga o Waitaha | University of Canterbury. In 2014, the University of Canterbury established the Canterbury Bright Start Scholarship. This and subsequent scholarships have been for study at Te Whare Wānanga o Waitaha only, and they have been funded by donations to Tūmahana | University of Canterbury Foundation. In 2017 the estate of Miss Lindsay Helen McDowall was added to the fund for the scholarship, and in 2018 the fund was further enhanced by the estate of Te Whare Wānanga o Waitaha graduate Miss Amy Jamieson, who had been a librarian at the University. In 2015 the scholarship was replaced by the UC Bright Start Scholarship, which extended eligibility to students from any region of Aotearoa New Zealand, and in 2020 this UC Māpura Bright Start Scholarship replaced that scholarship.

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## Pitopito kōrero | Notes

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<sup>1</sup> The value of the scholarship excludes fees associated with summer courses, field-trip fees, penalty fees, late fees, and other optional external charges.

<sup>2</sup> For the University's definition of *Pacific/Pasifika student* see <http://www.canterbury.ac.nz/get-started/scholarships/glossary-of-terms/>.

<sup>3</sup> 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 Māpura Bright Start Scholarship. However, students who will be beginning study at the University at 200-level after having been enrolled in an undergraduate programme at the UC International College are not eligible to apply.

<sup>4</sup> 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/>.

<sup>5</sup> [www.canterbury.ac.nz/scholarships/](http://www.canterbury.ac.nz/scholarships/)

<sup>6</sup> <https://www.canterbury.ac.nz/uc-foundation/contact-us/>

<sup>7</sup> 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/>.