

# UC School of Forestry High Achievers Award

## Regulations

This scholarship recognises and supports high-achieving students entering their first year of the Bachelor of Forestry Science (BForSc) degree programme at the University of Canterbury.

1. Up to five scholarships, each with a value of \$2,000, are available annually to applicants intending to enrol full-time in a BForSc degree programme at the University. One of the scholarships is reserved for a Māori or Pasifika<sup>1</sup> student.
2. The scholarship is tenable for one year, during a recipient's full-time enrolment in a BForSc degree programme at the University.
3. Applicants must have completed, or be completing, a university entrance qualification, and must have studied at secondary level in New Zealand in the year of application (or, in the case of a gap year,<sup>2</sup> in the year immediately prior). International students who meet these requirements are eligible to apply.
4. The scholarship must be taken up in the year following the year of application.
5. Recipients must qualify for admission to the University, through achievement of University Entrance or an equivalent qualification, by at least one week before the first day of Semester 1 of the first year of tenure.
6. The scholarship is awarded by the Council of the University, on the recommendation of a selection committee comprising:
  - a. the Pro-Vice-Chancellor, Engineering (or nominee);
  - b. the Head of the School of Forestry (or nominee); and
  - c. the Senior Academic Advisor, Engineering (or nominee).
7. In making its recommendation, the committee will consider:
  - a. academic achievement, as indicated by quality of achievement at NCEA Level 2 and 3, or in equivalent university entrance qualifications; and
  - b. demonstrated commitment to, and interest in, the BForSc degree programme.
8. Applications for the scholarship must be made online at the Scholarships website<sup>3</sup> by 15 August.
9. If, in any year, there is no applicant of Māori or Pasifika heritage of sufficient merit, the scholarship reserved for such students will be made available to other applicants. If, in any year, there are fewer candidates of sufficient merit than there are scholarships available, fewer awards will be made.
10. Unless otherwise specified in the offer letter, an offer of a scholarship will lapse if it is not formally accepted within one calendar month of the date of the offer.

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<sup>1</sup> For the University's definition of *Pasifika student*, see <http://www.canterbury.ac.nz/future-students/fees-and-funding/scholarships-at-uc/glossary-of-terms/> .

<sup>2</sup> For the University's definition of *gap year*, see <http://www.canterbury.ac.nz/future-students/fees-and-funding/scholarships-at-uc/glossary-of-terms/> .

<sup>3</sup> <http://www.canterbury.ac.nz/scholarships/>

11. The scholarship is not co-tenable with any other University of Canterbury-funded awards, apart from the following:
  - a. Tuition fee scholarships
  - b. The UC Undergraduate Entrance Scholarship
  - c. The Go Canterbury Scholarship

The scholarship is co-tenable with awards that are not funded by the University.

12. The scholarship will be paid by direct credit to a recipient's nominated New Zealand bank account as soon as practicable after the final date, in the student's first semester of study, on which the student may receive a full refund for withdrawal from a course,<sup>4</sup> and after confirmation of his or her full-time enrolment in a BForSc degree programme at the University.
13. A condition of acceptance is that recipients permit publication and announcement of their acceptance of the award, and 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.
14. In the event of a recipient's withdrawal from full-time study in a BForSc degree programme during tenure of the scholarship, the scholarship will be withdrawn, and any paid funds may be recovered.
15. Continuation of a scholarship is conditional on satisfactory academic progress and adherence to the University's statutes and regulations.

**History of the award:** This scholarship was established in 2012 by the University of Canterbury College of Engineering.

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<sup>4</sup> See <http://www.canterbury.ac.nz/future-students/fees-and-funding/tuition-fee-refunds/>