

The Vida Stout Scholarship

Regulations

This scholarship supports students studying in the School of Biological Sciences at the University of Canterbury for the degree of PhD in the areas of limnology or environmental science, preferably of the South Island.

1. The scholarship will provide financial assistance to a value specified in Note 1. The scholarship may be held by only one recipient at a time.
2. The scholarship will be available for the period necessary for a student to complete 3.00 EFTS.² In the case of a student already enrolled for the degree of PhD, the term of the scholarship will be reduced by any period in excess of 0.50 EFTS that the recipient has already completed for the degree.
3. The scholarship will be available to full-time students studying in the School of Biological Sciences at the University of Canterbury for the degree of PhD with an emphasis on limnology, or environmental science, preferably of the South Island. Applicants studying limnology will be given preference.
4. To be eligible for a scholarship an applicant must have met the academic requirements for enrolment in the degree of PhD at the University of Canterbury by 10 December in the year of application.³
5. Every scholarship recipient not already enrolled in doctoral study should normally be enrolled in a doctoral programme by 1 June in the year following application. A recipient who is unable to enrol by this deadline must seek permission from the Dean of Postgraduate Research to take up the scholarship at a later date. Without such permission the award will be terminated.
6. The scholarship will be awarded by the University of Canterbury Council on the recommendation of a Selection Committee that comprises
 - a. the Dean of Postgraduate Research (or nominee);
 - b. the Head of the School of Biological Sciences (or nominee); and
 - c. the Dean of Science (or nominee).
7. In making its recommendation the Committee will consider the nature of the proposed thesis topic and the academic achievement of the applicant.

¹ The current value of the scholarship is \$16,000 per annum.

² EFTS means "Equivalent Full Time Student", and 1.00 EFTS is equal to one year of full-time study.

³ By 10 December in the year of application

- applicants must have received final confirmed grades for the qualifying degree; and
- applicants requiring admission *ad eundem statum* must have had received an unconditional offer of admission to a PhD; and
- applicants enrolled for a Master's degree at the University and wishing to transfer to a PhD degree programme must have completed the transfer.

In addition, for applicants who have completed the academic requirements but not the practical work requirements for the BE(Hons) degree, an offer of an award would be conditional on their subsequently having those requirements completed and credited by 1 August in the year following application.

8. Applications for the scholarship must be made to the University of Canterbury Scholarships Office, on the approved form available from the Scholarships website,⁴ no later than 5.00 pm on 15 October, or, if this is not a business day, by 5.00 pm on the next business day.
9. If, in any year that applications are accepted, there is no candidate of sufficient merit, no award will be made.
10. Unless otherwise specified in the offer letter, an offer of a scholarship will lapse if it is not accepted, in writing, within one calendar month of the offer being made.
11. The scholarship is not co-tenable with scholarships, bursaries or prizes of greater value. Co-tenability with University of Canterbury Doctoral Scholarships and Canterbury Scholarships is explicitly excluded. At the request of the scholarship recipient, the amount of the scholarship stipend payments may be reduced to an amount specified by the recipient in accordance with any other remuneration the recipient will receive.
12. The recipient may choose to have a portion of the value of the scholarship paid to his or her fees account at the time of the recipient's enrolment into a PhD degree programme.⁵
13. If it is necessary for their research, recipients, with the permission of the Dean of Postgraduate Research, may retain the scholarship while carrying out research for limited periods outside the University of Canterbury.
14. 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 UC community activities, such as student mentoring, acting as UC ambassadors, and being involved with UC publicity as appropriate.
15. In the event of a recipient's withdrawal from the programme for the degree of PhD for which the scholarship is awarded, the scholarship will be withdrawn, and any paid funds may be recovered.
16. Continuation of the scholarship is conditional on satisfactory academic progress and adherence to the University's statutes and regulations.

History of the scholarship

The scholarship was established in 2013 from a legacy by Vida Stout (1930–2012), a limnologist at the University of Canterbury from 1957 to 1996. Dr Stout was instrumental in setting up the Environmental Science programme at the University of Canterbury, and was the first female Dean of Science at a New Zealand university.

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⁴ <http://www.canterbury.ac.nz/scholarships/>

⁵ The outstanding value will be paid by direct credit into the recipient's nominated New Zealand bank account as soon as practicable after confirmation of enrolment. Such payments will be made in instalments if the outstanding value exceeds \$2,000.