

# The UC Product Design Scholarship

## Regulations

### Key Information

<b>Closing date</b>	15 August
<b>Value</b>	\$5,000 per annum
<b>Tenure</b>	Two years
<b>Number available annually</b>	Ten
<b>Applicable programmes of study during tenure</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• BProdDesign</li> <li>• BProdDesign/BCom</li> <li>• BProdDesign/BSc</li> </ul>
<b>Special requirements</b>	Applicants must have studied at secondary level in New Zealand in the year of application (or, in the case of a gap year, <sup>1</sup> in the year immediately prior).

### 1. Purpose

This scholarship recognises and supports creative and academically strong students entering their first year of a programme at the University for a Product Design degree.

### 2. Eligibility criteria

- 2.1 Applicants must have completed, or be completing, a university entrance-level qualification.
- 2.2 Applicants must have studied at secondary level in New Zealand, or overseas at Te Aho o Te Kura Pounamu, in the year of application (or, in the case of a gap year,<sup>1</sup> in the year immediately prior).
- 2.3 International students who meet the requirements of clauses 2.1 and 2.2 are eligible to apply.

### 3. Selection process

- 3.1 Ten scholarships are available annually.
- 3.2 The scholarship is awarded by the Council of the University on the recommendation of a selection committee comprising:
  - a. the Pro-Vice-Chancellor of Engineering (or nominee);
  - a. the College of Engineering Dean (Academic) (or nominee); and
  - b. the Head of the School of Product Design (or nominee).

### 4. Selection criteria

- 4.1 In making its recommendations, the committee considers:

- a. demonstrated potential in innovative product design, game software development, or outstanding design communication;<sup>2</sup> and
- b. academic achievement, as indicated by quality of achievement in NCEA or in equivalent university entrance qualifications.

4.2 If, in any year, there are fewer than ten candidates of sufficient merit, fewer than ten awards are made.

## 5. Application process

Applications must be made online at the Scholarships website<sup>3</sup> by 15 August.

## 6. Tenability

6.1 The scholarship must be taken up in the year following the year of application.

6.2 The scholarship is tenable during a recipient's first and second years of enrolment in a programme at the University for a Bachelor of Product Design (BProdDesign) degree or a Conjoint Bachelor of Product Design and Commerce (BProdDesign/BCom) degree or a Conjoint Bachelor of Product Design and Science (BProdDesign/BSc) degree. The years of tenure must be consecutive.

6.3 Normally, the scholarship is tenable during full-time enrolment. However, students may apply to the Head of the School of Product Design (or nominee) to hold the scholarship during part-time enrolment.

6.4 The scholarship is co-tenable with any other award, unless the conditions of the other award preclude this.

## 7. Value and payment schedule

7.1 The scholarship provides financial assistance to a value of \$5,000 per annum.

7.2 The scholarship is paid in two equal instalments, one in each year of tenure, by direct credit to a recipient's nominated New Zealand bank account. The payments are made as soon as practicable after the final date on which a student may receive a full refund for withdrawal from a course,<sup>4</sup> and after confirmation of enrolment in a programme for a BProdDesign or a BProdDesign/BCom or a BProdDesign/BSc.

## 8. Conditions of acceptance

8.1 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.

8.2 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.

8.3 In the event where a recipient's enrolment in the years of tenure no longer meets the conditions specified in clause 6.2, the scholarship is withdrawn, and any paid funds may be recovered.

8.4 Continuation of a scholarship is conditional on satisfactory academic progress<sup>5</sup> and adherence to the University's statutes and regulations.

## 9. Background information

The University of Canterbury's College of Engineering established the scholarship in 2017.

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<sup>1</sup> For the University's definition of *gap year*, see <https://www.canterbury.ac.nz/get-started/scholarships/glossary-of-terms/>.

<sup>2</sup> Examples of demonstrated potential in innovative product design, game software development, or outstanding design communication are an outstanding design competition entry or a portfolio of individual creative design work.

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

<sup>4</sup> For the final dates to withdraw with a full refund see <https://www.canterbury.ac.nz/study/keydates/course-dates/#d.en.79514/>.

<sup>5</sup> *Satisfactory academic progress* with regard to tenure of the scholarship for a second year is here defined as:

- a. successful completion, in the first year of tenure, of at least 120 points towards a BProdDesign, a BProdDesign/BCom, or a BProdDesign/BSc; and
- b. successful completion of PROD 101 *Product Design 1* with a minimum grade of B+ (GPA of 6.0).