

UC Connect Doctoral Scholarship

Waeture | Regulations

Whakamāramatanga | Key Information

Rā whakamutunga Closing date	Scholarships become available as funding is secured.
Whaipainga Value	The scholarship provides financial assistance at a value determined by funds available and stated in the offer of the award. It may provide a stipend and/or tuition fees, at the Aotearoa New Zealand domestic rate.
Wā roanga Tenure	Varies according to the recipient's needs and funds available.
Herenga tika Applicable enrolment/programme during tenure	A programme for a research doctoral degree. ¹
Herenga motuhake Special requirements	None.

1. Aronga | Purpose

The scholarship is co-funded by Te Whare Wānanga o Waitaha | University of Canterbury and external agencies² to support students in studying towards a research doctoral degree¹ at the University.

2. Paearu māraurau | Eligibility criteria

- 2.1 Candidates must have completed an appropriate qualification at a level judged to be equivalent to a bachelor's or master's degree with first-class honours at Te Whare Wānanga o Waitaha | University of Canterbury (equivalent to a UC GPA of at least 7.0).
- 2.2 Intending students who already hold a research doctoral degree¹ are not eligible for the scholarship.

3. Tukanga tononga | Application process

- 3.1 Recipients are selected either by nomination, or, if necessary, through an application process.
- 3.2 When necessary, applications must be made online at the Scholarships website³ by the advertised closing date.

4. Tukanga kōwhiringa | Selection process

- 4.1 Scholarships become available as funding is secured.
- 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); and
 - b. a member of the University's Graduate Research Committee.

5. Paearu kōwhiringa | Selection criteria

- 5.1 In making the recommendations, the selection committee gives equal consideration to:
 - a. academic achievement, comprising:
 - i. GPA
 - ii. the quality of the institution and programme pertaining to the candidate's qualifying degree(s)
 - iii. the candidate's prior relevant research experience, research publications, and other outputs
 - b. recommendations from the supporting department, school, or programme at the University;
 - c. recommendations from the co-funding external agency; and
 - d. any other criteria agreed to by the Amo Rangahau | Dean of Postgraduate Research (or nominee), the co-funding external agency, and the supporting department, school, or programme at the University.
- 5.2 If there is no candidate of sufficient merit for an individual scholarship, no scholarship is offered.

6. Mahere utu | Value and payment schedule

- 6.1 The scholarship provides financial assistance at a value and duration determined by funds available and stated in the offer of the award. In addition to any stipend, the scholarship may also cover tuition fees for thesis enrolment only, at the Aotearoa New Zealand domestic rate. A scholarship may also cover Student Service Levy, if funds permit.
- 6.2 For a part-time student or a student who had enrolled in a doctoral programme prior to the date that the scholarship was accepted, the values of the instalments of the stipend payments, and the duration of the scholarship, are proportionate to the student's study workload.
- 6.3 The scholarship stipend is paid by direct credit to the recipient's nominated New Zealand bank account, in monthly instalments.
- 6.4 The first stipend payment is made as soon as practicable after the recipient has accepted a scholarship offer, completed enrolment in the applicable doctoral programme at the University, and begun study in the thesis component of such a programme.

7. Paearu here | Tenability and retention criteria

- 7.1 The scholarship must be taken up within six months of the date of the offer of the scholarship.
- 7.2 The scholarship is tenable by full-time and part-time students engaged in study for a research doctoral degree¹ at the University.
- 7.3 The scholarship is tenable for the period determined by the recipient's needs and funds available and outlined in the offer of the award.
- 7.4 A recipient of a UC Connect Doctoral Scholarship must be enrolled in the doctoral programme by a date agreed with the Amo Rangahau | Dean of Postgraduate Research. A recipient who is unable to enrol by that date must seek permission from the Amo Rangahau | Dean of Postgraduate Research to take up the scholarship at a later date. Without this permission the offer of the award is rescinded.
- 7.5 The UC Connect Doctoral Scholarship is classified as a UC Core Doctoral Scholarship. Co-tenure conditions for such scholarships are as follows. (For a list of the UC Core, Recognition, and Prestige

doctoral scholarships referred to in this clause, see <https://www.canterbury.ac.nz/get-started/scholarships/types/doctoral-scholarships>.)

- a. Core Doctoral Scholarships are not co-tenable with each other.
- b. Core Doctoral Scholarships are co-tenable with Prestige Doctoral Scholarships.
- c. Recognition Doctoral Scholarships are co-tenable with all other Recognition Doctoral Scholarships, and with all Core and Prestige doctoral scholarships.
- d. Core, Recognition, and Prestige doctoral scholarships are not co-tenable with any UC-funded stipendiary scholarship not in the list at <https://www.canterbury.ac.nz/get-started/scholarships/types/doctoral-scholarships>.
- e. Co-tenure of a Core, Recognition, or Prestige doctoral scholarship with any scholarship not funded by UC is permitted only with the permission of the Amo Rangahau | Dean of Postgraduate Research. In granting such permission, the Amo | Dean may impose conditions.

- 7.6 If a recipient holds any other scholarship that pays tuition fees, that scholarship takes precedence in payment of the recipient's tuition fees.
- 7.7 Recipients must inform the Scholarship Office immediately if they suspend, complete, or otherwise cease their enrolment in the doctoral programme for which the scholarship was awarded.
- 7.8 If a recipient suspends enrolment in a doctoral programme, the scholarship and associated payments are also suspended. Scholarship payments normally resume automatically upon re-enrolment; but in cases of suspensions of greater than six months, including extensions of the suspension period, reinstatement requires the approval of the Amo Rangahau | Dean of Postgraduate Research. If the recipient does not resume the programme of research within one month of the end of the approved suspension period, the scholarship is terminated.
- 7.9 In the event of a recipient's withdrawal from the doctoral programme for which the scholarship has been awarded, the scholarship may be withdrawn, and any paid funds may be recovered.
- 7.10 Following thesis submission, tenure of the scholarship and associated payments cease.
- 7.11 A recipient, with the permission of the Amo Rangahau | Dean of Postgraduate Research, may retain their scholarship while enrolled as a distance student or while carrying out research for specified periods outside the University.
- 7.12 Continuation of a scholarship is conditional on satisfactory academic progress and adherence to the University's statutes, regulations, policies, and rules.

8. Whakamahuki | Background information

The University established the scholarship in 2014 to encourage collaborative doctoral-level research between University research groups and external agencies.

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Pitopito kōrero | Notes

¹ A scholarship may be held only for the thesis component of a research doctoral degree. For the University's definition of *research doctoral degree* see <http://www.canterbury.ac.nz/get-started/scholarships/glossary-of-terms/>.

² For the University's definition of *external agencies* <https://www.canterbury.ac.nz/get-started/scholarships/glossary-of-terms/>.

³ www.canterbury.ac.nz/scholarships/