



Dr Judith Johnston Scholarship for Women

Established in 2024 by the University of Otago and generously funded by Dr Judith Johnston BA(Hons) Otago, MA Toronto, PhD Auckland, this scholarship aims to support female undergraduate enrolment in disciplines in which female students at the University of Otago are under-represented. It also seeks to support women returning to undergraduate study after a break. The scholarship is intended to assist candidates in need who are not in receipt of an entrance scholarship.

Eligibility

Applicants must be:

- a New Zealand citizen or New Zealand Residence Class Visa Holder;
- enrolled as female at the University of Otago;
- disadvantaged in the pursuit of their studies by their financial or personal circumstances, and, in the year of proposed tenure, not be in receipt of an entrance scholarship; AND
 - be enrolled (or planning to enrol) in an undergraduate programme in a discipline identified as one in which female student numbers are lower than male student numbers; or
 - be returning to undergraduate-level study after a break.

Application Process

Every application for the Scholarship must be submitted to Student Administration (Scholarships) at the University of Otago by the specified closing date.

Every applicant must submit:

- a completed application form;
- an academic reference letter; and
- a copy of their academic transcript if not an Otago student or graduate.

The academic reference may be written by a high school or tertiary teacher, or in the case of return after a break, a person with appropriate knowledge of the applicant's academic achievements.

Selection Process

The selection panel will comprise the Chair of the Equity Advisory Committee, the Director, Development and Alumni Relations, and the Manager, Postgraduate Scholarships, Prizes and Awards (or their nominees).

The selection panel may consider the following in awarding the scholarship:

- the degree of financial or other disadvantage or need evidenced by the applicant;
- the extent of financial support the applicant will (likely) receive from other scholarships or awards;
- previous academic achievement, and potential for future academic success.

The selection panel shall reference annual University of Otago enrolment statistics to identify disciplines in which female students are under-represented at undergraduate level at the University, to refer to when considering applications under the equity eligibility provision outlined above. Potential applicants will be provided with the same information, as requested.

The Donor will be given the opportunity to review the shortlisted applications and provide feedback to the selection panel for consideration.

The panel may require an interview with short-listed applicants for the scholarship.

Financial

- The scholarship will have a total value of \$5,000.
- There will normally be one scholarship offered each year.
- The number and value of scholarships available each year will be determined by the selection panel.

Tenure

- The scholarship may be held with full-time or part-time tenure.
- The scholarship must be taken up within one year of being awarded.
- The scholarship may be held concurrently with any other University of Otago (or external) award where its regulations also allow co-tenure.

Other Requirements

- Award of the scholarship is dependent on the recipient being admitted to the University of Otago.
- The University of Otago reserves the right to use the names, photographs, and details of successful applicants for advertising and publicity. Successful applicants must agree to be reasonably available to participate in interviews, promotional and stewardship activities if requested by the University.
- Upon receipt of the scholarship, the successful applicant shall provide the Stewardship Officer, Development and Alumni Relations, with a thank you letter addressed to the Donor.
- The successful applicant shall also provide an end-of-year report to the Stewardship Officer, Development and Alumni Relations, no later than 1 December in the year of tenure.