

## Te Kete Aronui Strategic Doctoral Scholarships Priorities

Te Kete Aronui will have 16 Strategic Doctoral Scholarships to award each year. These are in addition to 'auto-award' scholarships awarded to domestic students by the scholarships office. Scholarships currently provide a NZ\$32,544 stipend per annum plus a domestic tuition fees waiver for 36 months (excludes student services fee and insurance). They are managed by the University of Otago Scholarships Office.

University doctoral admission criteria apply to Divisional candidates as do the regulations for University of Otago Doctoral scholarships

(<https://www.otago.ac.nz/administration/policies/regulations-and-notes-for-university-of-otago-postgraduate-research-scholarships>).

University of Otago doctoral scholarships are awarded based on demonstrated academic merit (evidenced by GPA and publications) and a candidate's potential for research. Te Kete Aronui will continue to require academic excellence and potential for research but is also able to make awards based on consideration of how a candidate and their proposed research aligns with its own strategic priorities. There are three categories of Divisional Strategic Scholarship.

1. THREE scholarships are reserved for the "Grow your own" scholarship pathway for Māori and Pacific future academic staff. This reflects the Divisions commitment to embracing mātauranga Māori and Te Tiriti o Waitangi.
2. TWO scholarships will be used as PVC strategic Scholarships.
3. ELEVEN scholarships are to be awarded across four committee meetings (March, June, September, and November) according to criteria that aligns with the Divisional Strategic Plan (2022-2026): (<https://www.otago.ac.nz/humanities/forms#humanities-strategic-plan>).

### Criteria for the committee

For the strategic scholarships that go to the Divisional Scholarships Committee, consideration will be given to how a candidate and their proposed research aligns with the Division's Strategic Plan. Research proposals that particularly align with the following criteria (in no particular order) will be well received:

- Championing and advancing the humanities, including a commitment to research that fosters collaboration and innovation.
- Embracing mātauranga Māori and partnership under Te Tiriti o Waitangi, including research undertaken in partnership with and which benefits Māori.
- Engaging with our responsibilities and opportunities as a Pacific university, including research undertaken in partnership with and which benefits Pacific Peoples.
- Growing our reputation for research and impact, including research that addresses local/national/global challenges, or supports the University's sustainability goals.
- Inspiring and equipping our students, including high quality research that meets workforce/community demands.

Secondary priorities the committee will use to make decisions are:

- Achieving a spread across the Division.
- Candidates whose primary supervisor is early-mid career or new to Otago to build their research and supervision experience.

- Candidates from international partners with existing articulation agreements (list below).
- Contributions to existing research centres, themes and networks. (see: <https://www.otago.ac.nz/humanities/research/research-centres-themes-and-networks>)
- Candidates with evidence of community service or leadership.
- Support for candidates whose preparatory degree included a creative component and may not have a GPA competitive for central scholarship committee award.

**Other conditions of award:**

Applicants must not already have completed a PhD from any tertiary organisation.

The primary supervisor must:

- Be a staff member in Te Kete Aronui, University of Otago;
- Satisfy University of Otago requirements to supervise a doctoral candidate; (see: <https://www.otago.ac.nz/staff/policies/guidelines-for-graduate-research-supervisors>), and
- Be on a permanent employment contract within the University of Otago.

**Process:**

Applications for doctoral scholarships are made through the eVision portal as normal and can be made at any time of the year. However, applications are assessed quarterly in March, June, September and November. The Scholarship office will send application packs to the Division; these are assessed by a Divisional Scholarship Committee, chaired by the Associate Dean Graduate Studies and comprises Heads and Deans of Schools, or their nominee. The committee will make recommendations to the University Scholarship Committee, based on the above priorities. Final approval for award is made by the University Scholarship Committee.

Critical to consideration for a Divisional award, is the letter of support from the primary supervisor and/or or Head of Programme. This letter should set out the case for award against the strategic priorities of the Division for the awarding of a scholarship.

Divisional Scholarship priorities will be reviewed biannually to ensure that are serving the Division's strategic aspirations.

Current international partnerships:

Dalian University of Foreign Languages (China).

Wuhan University (China).

Jiangsu University (China).

Vietnam National University - Hanoi University of Languages and International Studies (Vietnam).

Universitas Diponegoro (Indonesia).

Dhurakij Pundit University (Thailand).