

Summer Research Scholarships provide practical opportunities for students to learn about research by working on projects under supervision over the summer period of November to February. Provision of Summer Scholarships is dependent on availability of Divisional, Departmental or external Research Grant funds.

ELIGIBILITY

- The Summer Research Scholarships are open only to students who are returning to study at a New Zealand University in the following year.
- Students must not be receiving alternative scholarship support for the same project or any other project over the same time-frame. Students may hold only one Summer Research Scholarship at the same time.
- Students who are enrolled in the research component of a Masters degree or PhD are not eligible for a Summer Research Scholarship.
- Manaaki New Zealand Scholarship students receiving a stipend for living costs over the same time-frame are not eligible for a Summer Research Scholarship.

TENURE

Summer Research Scholarships must take place over the November to February period and are a minimum of four weeks and a maximum of ten weeks.

Recipients may hold paid employment without restriction whilst holding a Summer Research Scholarship.

REQUIREMENTS

The scholarships must be awarded to assist students in pursuing their studies by participating in a University of Otago research project based on a University of Otago campus. These are to be awarded on the following basis:

- Their enrolment at the University of Otago, or upon agreement at another University.
- The project is relevant to their current course of study.
- The project will provide the student with key learning outcomes.
- Any services provided by the student are in relation to achieving the educational outcomes and the completion of the project.
- Benefits resulting from the project for the University will be incidental.
- Full supervision by a research-active academic staff member is provided.
- No employment relationship will be created, or is intended to be created as a result of the provision of the scholarship.

PAYMENTS

The total emolument of Summer Research Scholarships may vary but is benchmarked to at least \$7,000 for 10 weeks of research. Shorter time frames will be pro-rated against this benchmark, i.e. \$700 per week.

Tenures between 4 and 6 weeks will comprise two payments and tenures between 7 and 10 weeks three payments.

Payments cannot be split between two account codes and account codes must be open and active at least two weeks before the first payment date and remain open for the duration of the scholarship.

VARIATION OF GUIDELINES

Summer Research Scholarships are overseen by the University's Scholarships and Prizes Committee. The convenor of the Committee may vary these guidelines should they consider circumstances warrant.

QUERIES

Please contact scholarships@otago.ac.nz