



# 2025 Mātāwaka Scholarship Application

**Closing date: 4pm, 21 March 2025**

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The purpose of the Mātāwaka Scholarship is to encourage Māori of all ages and backgrounds to study at Te Pūkenga | Otago Polytechnic and encourage them to succeed in tertiary education by removing financial barriers to study. The scholarships also acknowledge the contribution learners can make to their local community.

The Scholarship will cover tuition fees for one stage of a learner's chosen programme of study at Te Pūkenga | Otago Polytechnic.

## **Conditions of Application**

- Recipients of these four scholarships must be of New Zealand Māori descent, who do not have Kāi Tahu whakapapa.
- You must be enrolled as a Māori learner at Te Pūkenga | Otago Polytechnic and be studying **full-time** for the **full year** in a chosen programme at Te Pūkenga | Otago Polytechnic.
- **You must be residing in the Otago region and studying at one of the Otago campuses** (Dunedin or Cromwell).
- The Mātāwaka Scholarship pays the tuition fees for one year of study at Te Pūkenga | Otago Polytechnic.
- If you have previously received a fee-paying Te Pūkenga | Otago Polytechnic Scholarship, you are not eligible to apply for a Mātāwaka Scholarship.

## **Te Pūkenga | Otago Polytechnic**

- Candidates must meet the academic entry criteria for their chosen programme of study. (NB: If places on a course or programme are limited, normal selection criteria will apply).
- This Scholarship applies to Domestic learners only.
- All successful recipients will be paired with a Tuakana (Māori Mentor) to guide them through their first year of studies. Further details will be given to successful recipients.



## **Application Process:**

Please submit your completed application to Te Punaka Ōwheo, Te Pūkenga | Otago Polytechnic's Māori Centre.

You can email your application to [tepunakaowheo@op.ac.nz](mailto:tepunakaowheo@op.ac.nz) or send it to:

Te Punaka Ōwheo  
Scholarships (Mātāwaka)  
Te Pūkenga | Otago Polytechnic  
Private Bag 1910  
Dunedin 9054

You can also hand deliver your application to Te Punaka Ōwheo or to Customer Services.

If you require more information, please contact Te Punaka Ōwheo:

**Freephone:** 0800 762 786

**Email:** [tepunakaowheo@op.ac.nz](mailto:tepunakaowheo@op.ac.nz)





## **SECTION A: PERSONAL DETAILS**

(Please ensure that you complete all details in this section)

SURNAME: \_\_\_\_\_

FIRST NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

MIDDLE NAME(s): \_\_\_\_\_

GENDER (please tick)  Male  Female  Other      DATE OF BIRTH: \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_

PERMANENT ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

TOWN/CITY: \_\_\_\_\_      POSTCODE: \_\_\_\_\_

TERM ADDRESS (if different from above): \_\_\_\_\_

TOWN/CITY: \_\_\_\_\_      POSTCODE: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

- 1. Do you give permission for Te Pūkenga | Otago Polytechnic to publicise, if you are successful? Yes  No**





## **SECTION B: KOROWAI MĀORI**

1. I am of New Zealand Māori descent:  Yes  No

1. Please list your: Iwi: \_\_\_\_\_

Hapū: \_\_\_\_\_

Marae: \_\_\_\_\_

**WHAKAPAPA: Please complete the information below, for this section, we will also accept a letter confirmation of membership / registration from your Iwi**

### ***Whakapapa***

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Grandfather

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Grandmother

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Grandfather

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Grandmother

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Father

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Mother

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Kaitono (applicant)

A Kaumātua, Māori Liaison Officer, Tutor/Teacher **who is Māori**, Leader of a Māori Community Group (eg: marae, church or sports team) or Iwi representative of a Māori Authority, Rūnaka or Trust Board must certify that you are New Zealand Māori. The certifier must be of New Zealand Māori descent and **cannot** be your sibling, spouse, parent or grandparent.

CERTIFIER'S NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

CERTIFIER'S SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_

CERTIFIER'S CONTACT PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

CERTIFIER'S TITLE (one of the above): \_\_\_\_\_





**SECTION C: APPLICANT’S LETTER**

**Please include a letter written by you explaining why you are applying for this scholarship. In your letter, you should include:**

- Your involvement with Rūnaka, Māori community, and any other community (such as sports team or church)
- Your career aspirations
- How will you benefit from this scholarship
- How your chosen course of study may benefit your whānau, hapū, Iwi and/or the Māori community

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**SECTION D: ENDORSEMENT / WRITTEN REFERENCE**

This must be completed by a Kaumātua, Māori Liaison Officer, Tutor/Teacher **who is Māori**, Leader of a Māori Community Group (eg: marae, church or sports team) or Iwi representative of a Māori Authority, Rūnaka or Trust Board.

The endorser must know the applicant and **cannot** be your sibling, spouse, parent or grandparent.

I endorse this application because: \_\_\_\_\_

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ENDORSER'S NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ENDORSER'S SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_

ENDORSER'S TITLE (one of the above): \_\_\_\_\_

ENDORSER'S CONTACT PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_





## **SECTION E: APPLICANT DECLARATION**

**1. I agree to the conditions of application, and I attach:**

- My enrolment form for my proposed programme of study at Te Pūkenga | Otago Polytechnic

**OR**

- verification of my enrolment to Te Pūkenga | Otago Polytechnic

**2. SIGNATURE (of applicant):** \_\_\_\_\_

**DATE:** \_\_\_\_\_

## **SECTION F: APPLICATION CHECKLIST**

- Section A is complete
- Section B is complete and has been certified
- Section C is complete, and applicant letter is attached
- Section D is complete
- Section E is complete, and proof of enrolment is attached

<b><u>FOR OFFICE USE ONLY:</u></b>
Date application received:
Name of programme applied for:
Has applicant been accepted into the programme applied for? Y / N
Was a scholarship awarded? Y / N
Has an acknowledgement letter been sent out? Y / N
Date sent:

