

Applications must be received by 15 September 2017

INFORMATION

The purpose of the Victoria Excellence Scholarship (“the Scholarship”) is to recruit high-achieving undergraduate students to Victoria University of Wellington and to support them in their studies. In supporting academically-able school leavers to study at Victoria, the University recognises them as New Zealand’s scholars of the future. These scholarships will be offered to the top school-leaver applicants enrolling in any of Victoria University’s Bachelor degree programmes.

Scholarships for study in 2018 will be awarded competitively on the basis of academic excellence. The majority of these scholarships will be awarded at \$5,000 for the first year of study.

The top 20 applicants will be awarded the Victoria Vice-Chancellor’s Excellence Scholarships, valued at \$20,000 over three years of study (see below for details).

REGULATIONS

1. A completed application must be received by 15 September 2017 for study in 2018. Late or incomplete applications will not be accepted.
2. All offers of the Scholarship will be conditional upon a recipient being fully enrolled in a full-year programme of at least 120 points by the start of Trimester 1, 2018. No payment of the Scholarship will be made until this condition has been met.
3. The Scholarship cannot be deferred to a later year.
4. Applicants must be New Zealand Citizens or Permanent Residents. International fee-paying students who have completed at least one full year (ie. their Year 12 year) at a New Zealand secondary school by the time of application are encouraged to apply instead for the [Victoria International Excellence Scholarship](#) (details of this scholarship and how to apply can be found on the scholarships database).
5. Applicants must provide their NSN or other candidate number and centre number for their qualification type.
6. Applicants with an NCEA Level 2 (or 3) Certificate endorsed with Excellence are encouraged to apply. Excellence credits must be obtained in Year 12; credits gained earlier or in Year 13 cannot be included.
7. Applicants with an equivalent level of achievement in an alternative qualification are also encouraged to apply. Examples of alternative qualifications considered are: International Baccalaureate (IB), Cambridge International Examinations (CIE), or Rudolph Steiner qualifications.
8. CIE candidates with at least 230 points on the UCAS tariff across no more than four subjects from Year 12 are encouraged to apply.
9. Offers of the Scholarship to NCEA candidates will be conditional upon the recipient gaining a Merit or Excellence endorsement on their NCEA Level 3 Certificate. CIE candidates will need to gain at least 300 points on the UCAS tariff in their Year 13 subjects. Recipients must also gain University Entrance and admission to their programme of study.
10. IB candidates who expect to achieve a score of 37 or greater for the IB diploma are encouraged to apply. Applications will be assessed using predictive grades and any Scholarship offer will be conditional on final results. All successful applicants must also gain University Entrance and admission to their programme of study.
11. Applicants who wish to enrol at Victoria in 2018 directly from Year 12 may not apply for the Scholarship unless they will meet all the normal conditions of the scholarship by the end of their Year 12 year (see regulation 9 in particular).
12. Applicants who go on an official student school exchange for a minimum of six months instead of completing Year 13 may apply for the Scholarship. These applicants will also need to gain admission through Discretionary Entrance.
13. Applicants who have taken a (single) gap year after completing Year 13 may apply for the Scholarship as long as they have not studied at another university during that time (i.e. this scholarship is for first-year students, not transferring students). They will need to apply in the year prior to starting study at Victoria.
14. Applicants will be notified mid October whether they have been awarded the Scholarship or not.
15. The Scholarship is valued at \$5,000 for the first year of study and may be credited to tuition fees or Victoria Hall of Residence costs.
16. The Victoria Vice-Chancellor’s Excellence Scholarship will be awarded at \$20,000 to the top 20 applicants. NCEA and CIE applicants will be assessed on Year 12 results after the application deadline of 15 September. IB recipients will be considered for the Vice-Chancellor’s Excellence Scholarship once their results are released to us. This \$20,000 scholarship will be comprised of \$10,000 for the first year of study, and a further \$5,000 for the second and third years of study, provided a Grade Point Average of 7 (an A- average) is maintained. Students must also study full-time in order to continue to hold the Vice-Chancellor’s Excellence Scholarship.
17. All recipients of the Victoria Excellence and Victoria Vice-Chancellor’s Excellence Scholarship are guaranteed an offer of a place in one of our Halls of Residence, provided an accommodation application is received by the Accommodation Service by 1 October 2017.
18. The Scholarship may be held in conjunction with other awards, with the exceptions of the Victoria Achiever Scholarship, the Robert Bostock Scholarship, Victoria Sports Scholarships or any other fees scholarship.
19. Should the recipient withdraw from Victoria during the first year or fail to achieve a satisfactory number of points during the first trimester, partial repayment of the Scholarship will normally be expected. Recipients must advise the Scholarships Office if they intend to withdraw.
20. At the discretion of the Deciding Authority, the application of the terms and conditions of the Scholarship may be modified in special circumstances or to avoid hardship to any candidate for the Scholarship.