

## Applications must be received by 10 November

### INFORMATION

The purpose of the Victoria International Excellence Scholarship (“the Scholarship”) is to recruit high-achieving undergraduate international students currently studying in New Zealand to Victoria University of Wellington and to support them in their studies.

Scholarships will be competitive on the basis of academic merit. The majority of these scholarships will be awarded at \$20,000 over three years of study (see below for details)

### REGULATIONS

1. A completed online application must be received by 10 November for study in the following year. 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 (full-time will be at the level of points considered by Immigration NZ as full-time) by the start of Trimester 1 the year following application. 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 international students who have completed at least one full year (ie. their Year 12 year) at a New Zealand secondary school who have achieved an NCEA Level 2 or 3 Certificate with ‘Excellence’ or equivalent.
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 11 or 12; credits gained 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 Years 11 or 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 and will be notified of the outcome of their application once their results are released to us. All successful applicants must also gain University Entrance and admission to their programme of study.
11. Applicants who wish to enrol at Victoria 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 will be notified after the application deadline whether they have been awarded the scholarship.
15. Scholarships 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 (a A- average) is maintained. Students must also study full-time (at least 120 points a year) in order to continue to hold the Victoria International Excellence Scholarship.
15. The Scholarship will be credited to tuition fees.
16. All recipients of the Victoria International Excellence Scholarships 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.
17. The Scholarship may be held in conjunction with other awards.
18. Should the recipient withdraw from Victoria during the first year or fail to achieve a satisfactory number of points during the first trimester, the Deciding Authority will require partial repayment of the scholarship. Recipients who withdraw during the first year are required to notify the Scholarships Office of their withdrawal.
19. Recipients are expected to act as ambassadors for Victoria University and participate in appropriate events or marketing if requested.
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.