

June 2017

### *Student Information*

## **BUSTER THOMAS MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP**

In accordance with the wishes of the late Buster Thomas, a scholarship has been established to allow a student to be educated at Otago University and to graduate as a pharmacist. This scholarship is administered by the Pharmacy Education and Research Foundation of New Zealand (NZPERF).

The scholarship, known as the “Buster Thomas Memorial Scholarship”, has been established to:

“educate an intelligent student who is unable from his or her own available resources to afford to attend Otago University to graduate as a pharmacist. This scholarship is to pay all necessary university fees together with an income allowance to meet necessary living expenses for a term of four (4) years.”

Buster Thomas worked in and owned pharmacies in a number of lower socio-economic areas in Wellington throughout his professional career and he had commented on a number of occasions that there were talented children who would never have the opportunity to go on to further study.

A scholarship of \$15,000 per annum will be available once every four years to cover the cost of fees and books and reasonable living expenses. This scholarship will be for a term of four years.

A Selection Panel comprising three people from the pharmacy profession, as chosen by NZPERF, will assess all applications. In awarding the scholarship cognizance is taken of the applicant's interest and commitment to pharmacy. Scholarships will be awarded on the recommendation of the Selection Panel and applicants advised of the outcome in writing accordingly.

Recipients are required to write to NZPERF advising of their grades at the completion of each year.

### **SELECTION CRITERIA**

- The applicant must be able to demonstrate financial hardship (the application should detail the financial hardship for the Selection Panel to evaluate).
- The applicant must be committed to studying pharmacy at Otago
- The applicant must be a New Zealand citizen (proof is required in the form of a copy of your passport or birth certificate or citizenship certificate).

## **SELECTION COMMITTEE**

Every award shall be made by a Selection Committee constituted as follows

- A representative of the New Zealand Pharmacy Education and Research Foundation
- A representative of the Evolve intern training programme
- A community pharmacist representative from the Porirua basin area

## **VALUE OF THE SCHOLARSHIP**

The scholarship is to cover the cost of fees and books and reasonable living expenses. This amount will be determined by the NZPERF Trustees. Commencing 2018 this amount is set at \$15,000 per annum for four years.

## **TERM**

This scholarship will be for a term of four years.

Acceptance to Pharmacy School at Otago University is dependent on a suitable pass in the Health Sciences First Year course. If the recipient is not accepted into Pharmacy School or changes their career path after the HSFY they will not be required to repay the funds awarded in the first year of this scholarship.

## **REPORTS**

Scholarship holders must submit a report to NZPERF at the end of each year giving details of the grades achieved.

## **APPLICATION PROCESS**

Applications should be made using the appropriate application form and submitted to the Secretary New Zealand Pharmacy Education and Research Foundation, PO Box 11 640, Manners Street, Wellington 6142.

Applications for 2018 will close on 17 August 2017.

***For enquiries and/or application forms please contact:  
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Links to further information:

- The undergraduate programme  
<http://www.otago.ac.nz/pharmacy/undergraduate/index.html>
- Pharmacy careers <http://www.otago.ac.nz/pharmacy/undergraduate/careers/index.html>
- What our past students are doing  
<http://www.otago.ac.nz/pharmacy/undergraduate/careers/graduate-profiles/index.html>