





Why Ora Student tips: Otago University

For secondary school students

Begin your journey into healthcare early by taking up these awesome opportunities offered by Otago University. These scholarships allow secondary school students to head down to Dunedin and sample life as a tertiary student studying health and sciences.

[Link to scholarship information for secondary school Maori students.](http://www.otago.ac.nz/prospectivestudents/maori/index.html)
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- **Reach Programme:** Realising Educational Aspirations for Careers in Health (REACH) is a scholarship for Year 13 Māori secondary students who have a keen interest in health and would like to sample life as a student in Dunedin studying health sciences.
 - o *Link to Reach scholarship information sheet* 
- **OCE (On Campus Experience):** On Campus Experience is a scholarship that provides an opportunity for Year 13 Maori students to sample living and learning at the University of Otago.
 - o *Link to OCE application and information sheet.(update for 2017 not available)* 
- **Nga-mahi-a-ringā-putaiao-scholarship (Hands on at Otago):** Nga-mahi-a-ringā-putaiao-scholarship provides Year 12 and Year 13 Maori students with the opportunity to gain hands on experience in science based research at Otago University.
 - o *Link to Hands on Otago scholarship categories* 
- **Te Rangatahi o te Moana:** Te Rangatahi O te Moana is a scholarship for Year 11 and Year 12 Maori students who have a keen interest in science and are willing to develop their skills in research and team based project work.
 - o *Link to Te Rangitahi O te Moana project information sheet.* 

Preparing for HSFY

There are a number of pathways which help to better prepare you for first year health science at Otago University. These courses are recommended for those with limited background in the health science subjects.

Link to HSFY information: (<http://www.otago.ac.nz/hsfy/preparing-to-study/index.html>)

- **Foundation year:** Is a year's long course which prepares you for the first year health science course.
- Website link to foundation year information : <https://www.otago.ac.nz/uolcfy/foundation-year/index.html>
 - o **Tu Kahika Scholarship:** Tū Kahika is a scholarship which assists Maori students into the foundation year, providing financial assistance toward tuition fees and accommodation.
 - Website link to tu kahika scholarship <http://www.otago.ac.nz/mhwdu/tukahika/index.html>

- *Link to Tu kahika information pack*



- **Chem 150 - Concepts of Chemistry:** Chem 150 is a paper taught over summer school recommended for those with limited chemistry background. Prepares students for Chem 191: The chemical basis of biology in health science first year.
 - Chem 150 information page:
<http://www.otago.ac.nz/summerschool/study/papers/index.html?papercode=CHEM150>
- **Introductory Chemistry:** Introductory Chemistry is taught online via distance learning and covers the same content as Chem 150 excluding lab work. This paper is recommended for those with limited chemistry background, preparing students for Chem 191: The chemical basis of biology in Health Science First Year
 - Information page for introductory chemistry:
<http://neon.otago.ac.nz/chemistry/studying/IntroChem/>
- **Jump start physics:** Jump start physics is taught over summer school for students with limited physics background. This prepares students for Phsi 191: biological physics in Health Science First Year.
 - Information page for Jump Start Physics:
<http://www.otago.ac.nz/physics/study/health-sciences-first-year/jumpstart-physics.html>

Health Science First Year (HSFY)

- **Homepage:** <http://www.otago.ac.nz/hsfy/index.html>
 - Homepage including links to apply and prepare for FYHS and the pathways into further study (professional programmes, restricted programmes, B sci, B med science)
- **About:** <http://www.otago.ac.nz/hsfy/about/index.html>
- **Study Pathways:** <http://www.otago.ac.nz/hsfy/about/pathways/index.html>
 - Link detailing study following HSFY professional programmes, restricted programmes, Bachelor of Science, Bio medical science.
 - Contact: health-sciences@otago.ac.nz

Student Support

There is lots of support available for Maori students at Otago University. Our current Whyora students studying health and sciences at Otago have compiled some tips and hints for those of you heading to Dunedin.

Maori Workforce Development Unit (MWDU): The Maori workforce development unit act as the main point of contact with support regarding your studies in first year and throughout your health studies. Services include providing information, guidance, and support for Māori seeking pathways

into health science study and further into health professional programmes at the University of Otago.

- Website link to the Maori Workforce Development Unit:
<http://www.otago.ac.nz/mhwdu/about/index.html>

Helpful Events held by the Maori workforce development team:

- **Information and kai night:** held within the first week of study provides the opportunity to meet fellow Maori students, understand the requirements of your study and how MWDU can support you along the way.
- **1 on 1 catch ups** with the support staff to discuss study goals and the support you require to achieve them
- **Register for SWAT sessions** where you will be introduced to student mentors from the professional programmes who will discuss study techniques and note taking tips for health science studies.
- **Sign up for weekend workshops:** Workshop tutorials are held throughout the semester for health science papers
- **Attend information nights** throughout the semester to ensure you remain up to date with study requirements. i.e. English test, UMAT, professional programme application
- **Look out for emails** from any of the staff from the Maori workforce development team and follow up any events or support you are not sure about.
 - o Link to contacts for MWDU <http://www.otago.ac.nz/mhwdu/about/staff/index.html>

Maori Centre: Maori Centre provide support services for all Maori students studying at Otago University.

Website to the Maori centre: <http://www.otago.ac.nz/maoricentre/index.html>

Tips and events held by Maori Centre

- **Arriving to Dunedin by plane?** - contact the Maori centre for shuttle pick up at maori.orientation@otago.ac.nz
- **Get involved with Maori orientation week.** All Maori students should receive a Maori orientation pack detailing important dates and events including a welcoming Powiri.
- **Visit the Maori centre** and fill out a tutorial application form to register for weekly tutorials for all health science subjects.
- Be sure to make the most of the **Maori student wharae** facilities including computer suite, study rooms and kitchen. This is a popular place for health science students to meet and interact.
- **Register for the Ka rakiraki a tane** mentoring programme where you are matched with a snr student studying in the same area.
- **Sign up for see the solutions** virtual learning package. Online tutorial videos work through past exam questions for the health science papers.

Te Roopu Maori student association: Te Roopu Maori student association run social events throughout the semester for Maori students.

- Join Te Roopu Maori on Facebook and look out for upcoming events
 - o Study nights
 - o Kai and catch up breakfasts/lunch/evenings
- Head down to tent city during O week to visit the Te Roopu Maori stand for freebies and a chat.

Other tips

- **Uni tutor tutorials:** Be sure to look out for uni tutor tutorials held for all health science papers during exam study break. Previous students have found these very valuable
- **Hostel Tutorials:** Ask your hostel whether they provide in house tutorials for health science papers.
- **Meet with our student contact:** Kenny Hau who has studied health science and has now taken up one of the professional programmes
- **Stay in touch with the Why Ora team :** Michelle Martin will ensure you are receiving all the support available to you at Otago University