

THE PATRICIA PRATT SCHOLARSHIP IN MUSICAL PERFORMANCE

This scholarship has been established by Annette Campbell-White in memory of her mother, Patricia Pratt.

Funding for the scholarship is made available through the Kia Ora Foundation founded by Annette Campbell-White for educational purposes.

The purpose of the Patricia Pratt scholarship is to assist outstanding New Zealand musical performers, who have completed the equivalent of an honours degree in musical performance in New Zealand, to continue their musical development at a renowned international music school or conservatorium.

The scholarship will be awarded to support study towards a Master's degree in classical musical performance, including vocal or instrumental performance or conducting.

Applicants must demonstrate excellence in musical performance and achievement.

Eligibility

Applicants will be New Zealand citizens. Applicants may apply from outside New Zealand but all applicants must have resided in New Zealand for at least three of the five years immediately preceding the year of selection.

Preference will be given to applicants who are completing or have recently completed the requirements for an honours degree or Master's degree (or an equivalent musical qualification) at a New Zealand university.

In very exceptional circumstances an application from a candidate without an honours degree (or equivalent) may be considered.

Tenure and Continuation

The scholarship is available for up to two years depending on the course of study.

The course of study supported by the scholarship must be commenced in the year that the award is made.

The initial scholarship award will be for one year. Continuation of the scholarship for a second year is dependent on a positive report from the institution where the scholar is studying and on approval from the Kia Ora Foundation.

The scholar is expected to devote themselves to full time study during their tenure of the scholarship.

Value

Up to \$50,000 is available to the selection committee each year. The value of the individual scholarship awards in any year will take into account a candidate's particular financial situation regarding other awards and any other financial support which is available to them.

Applications

Candidates for a scholarship or for a continuation of a scholarship should complete an application using the Universities NZ on-line scholarships application website:

<https://universitiesnz.communityforce.com>

The closing date by which applications must be complete and submitted through the on-line website is 1 March.

The on-line application process will request and candidates must provide:

- a birth certificate or other evidence of New Zealand citizenship.
- information relating to awards and achievements relevant to the scholarship.
- a statement of the applicant's proposed programme of study and, if possible, evidence that the applicant would be accepted by the institution offering the programme.
- a budget of expected costs.
- any other information that the applicant judges relevant to their application.

In the on-line application candidates are asked to identify two people who they have asked to provide confidential references.

For applications for a continuation for a second year one of the references must be from a senior faculty member at the applicant's current university/institution.

The referees must add their references to the on-line application by the due date.

The on-line application will prompt applicants for a new scholarship to request a copy of their academic transcript from their New Zealand university.

The Candidate in Performance

As part of their application the candidate will be asked to provide a recording of them in performance - for instrumentalists and vocalists a sound file, for conductors a video file.

Candidates are required to upload their recording to an internet file sharing facility from where Universities NZ will share it with the selection committee.

The on-line application will request a track list and information on the date and location of the recording.

For an application to be eligible for consideration by the committee the recording must be of good quality, be no older than six months old at the date of application, and contain a varied selection of repertoire.

Copyright

Applicants must ensure they have satisfied all copyright requirements to record and copy any performance and music submitted as part of their application.

Applicants should note that Universities NZ may make a copy of any recording provided by the applicant to enable individual members of the selection panel to evaluate the applications and select a candidate to receive a scholarship.

Selection

Universities NZ may ask each New Zealand university to identify new applications which they wish support and which they wish to nominate to Universities NZ.

Universities NZ will forward all supported new applications and all applications for a continuation to the Selection Committee for their assessment.

The Selection Committee will assess all these applications to determine a short list of candidates for further consideration.

In their assessments of the applications the committee will give overriding consideration to the candidate's ability and their potential to succeed.

The committee may require that short listed candidates attend an interview and may be invited to audition. Candidates should be prepared to discuss all aspects of their application and the preparations that they have made for a career in their chosen field.

Following their assessments the committee will confirm their award decisions to the Trustees of the Kia Ora Foundation.

More than one scholarship may be awarded. The value of the awards will be weighted, taking into account the financial situation of each candidate.

Scholarship Committee

The Scholarship Committee is convened by the Kia Ora Foundation and the membership is:

- Chairperson, appointed by the Trustees of the Kia Ora Foundation.
- one person appointed by the Trustees of the Kia Ora Foundation.
- other persons with expertise in musical performance, appointed by Universities NZ and the Trustees of the Kia Ora Foundation.

Administration

The scholarship is administered by Universities New Zealand in Wellington.

Universities NZ is responsible for distributing information on the availability of the scholarship, receiving nominations from the universities, assisting the Scholarship Committee in the selection process, advising candidates of the results and arranging payment to scholars from the scholarship fund.

Universities NZ will report annually to the Trustees of the Kia Ora Foundation on the selection and progress of scholars.

Power to Vary

The Trustees of the Kia Ora Foundation may at any time vary these regulations provided that such variations are consistent with the general purposes of the scholarship.