

SIR DOUGLAS MYERS SCHOLARSHIP

The Sir Douglas Myers Scholarship was established in 2000 and is made available through the generosity of the late Sir Douglas Myers.

1. Purpose

The Sir Douglas Myers Scholarship provides an opportunity for students who have already distinguished themselves academically to take up a place offered by the prestigious Gonville & Caius College at Cambridge University. Sir Douglas expressed the hope that graduates will return to New Zealand to become leaders in their chosen fields, to the direct benefit of New Zealand and its people.

2. Eligibility

To be eligible to apply for the scholarship an applicant must:

- be entered for a Year 13 senior school examination (for example, NCEA Level 3, Cambridge International Examinations, International Baccalaureate. etc.) in the year of application.
- have a record of achievement sufficient to satisfy the academic criteria for entry to Cambridge University and Gonville & Caius College:
<https://www.undergraduate.study.cam.ac.uk/international-students/international-entry-requirements>
- be a New Zealand citizen or permanent resident.
- have completed five years of secondary schooling in New Zealand.

The scholarship is available for students wanting to undertake any undergraduate degree excluding Medicine, Veterinary Medicine, and Law.

Any questions relating to eligibility will be considered by the Chair of the Selection Committee. The Chair's decision is final.

3. Value and tenure

The scholarship provides tuition fees and a living allowance for the successful applicant, to enable them to take up a place offered by Gonville & Caius College at Cambridge University, in the year following application.

The scholarship will normally be held for the duration of the scholar's undergraduate course, provided that the scholar continues to make satisfactory progress with their studies. (Extensions of the award may be made if there is reasonable justification).

The scholarship may be held concurrently with any other bursary or scholarship, provided that the rules of the other award allow this.

The scholarship must be taken up in the year it is awarded.

4. Applications

Applications must be made through the Universities NZ online scholarship application system <https://universitiesnz.communityforce.com/Login.aspx>

The closing date is 1 September.

The on-line application form will request, and applicants must provide:

- a statement listing activities and achievements under the following headings: Academic, Positions of Responsibility, Sporting, Cultural, and Community.
- a statement, limited to 300 words, outlining their reasons for wishing to study at Cambridge University, and their proposed course of study. It is expected that applicants will have researched their chosen course of study and will have a firm idea of their degree programme.
- a statement, limited to 500 words, outlining where they see themselves in 10 years' time.
- the names of two referees:
 - one referee must be a person able to comment on the applicant's academic achievements, interests, and abilities.
 - the other referee must be a person able to comment on the applicant's participation and achievements in extra-curricular activities.
- proof of their New Zealand citizenship or permanent residency.

Within the application applicants will be required to upload their latest NZQA Record of Achievement (listing all NCEA / New Zealand Scholarship results), and any IB or CIE examinations results.

Within the application applicants will be required to give permission for Gonville & Caius College to share any information regarding their UCAS application with Universities New Zealand.

5. Selection

The scholarship is awarded by the Myers Family on the recommendation of a Selection Committee appointed by the family.

The Selection Committee will consider not only applicants' academic ability but also character, qualities of leadership, contribution to cultural and/or sporting activities, intention to bring back benefits from the scholarship to New Zealand, ambassadorial qualities, and references.

The Selection Committee will review applications and confirm a long-list in September. Long-listed applicants will then need to apply for admission to Cambridge and Gonville & Caius via the Universities and Colleges Admissions Service ([UCAS](https://www.ucas.com)) by the deadline for International Students: <https://www.undergraduate.study.cam.ac.uk/applying>
Admissions decisions at Cambridge University are based solely on academic criteria. Guidance is provided at: <https://www.undergraduate.study.cam.ac.uk/international-students>

Applicants must ensure they meet any subject requirements and relevant admission test deadlines stipulated by Cambridge University for the course for which they are applying: <https://www.undergraduate.study.cam.ac.uk/apply/application-dates-deadlines>

Long-listed applicants who are successful in their UCAS application for admission and receive an offer from Gonville & Caius will be considered for a short-list of candidates to be interviewed by the Selection Committee in March / April.

Candidates short-listed for an interview will need to have met any conditions stipulated in their offer from Gonville & Caius. If the selected candidate is not accepted by Gonville & Caius, they will not be awarded the scholarship.

The Selection Committee's decision is final, and no correspondence will be entered into following the selection meeting. If, in the opinion of the Selection Committee, no applicant of sufficient merit has applied for the award, then an award will not be offered that year.

6. Reports

All holders of a scholarship will provide Universities NZ and the Selection Committee with personal progress reports and give permission for their Gonville and Caius Academic Reports to be released to Universities NZ and the Selection Committee.

7. Publicity

The successful candidate will agree to have their name and image published and be available for interviews with the media if required.

8. Suspension or termination

Universities NZ and the Selection Committee may at any time suspend or terminate any scholarship if it is satisfied that the scholar is not diligently pursuing the approved programme or has failed to comply with any of the terms and conditions on which the scholarship was awarded.

The scholarship will be terminated, and no further benefits granted if a scholar ceases to pursue the approved programme of study.