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By email: fyi-request-29589-22eabd22@requests.fyi.org.nz

Tēnā koe

I refer to your request for information dated 17 December 2024 made under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act). You have requested:

"I would like to know the criteria to be awarded a University of Otago Scholarship which are awarded by the University Council on the basis of high academic achievement to students who are completing the 300-level Major subject requirement of a degree.

And how many of these were awarded in science and in total in 2024."

Please see below our response to your request.

1. Criteria to be awarded a University of Otago Scholarship

The University of Otago Prestige Scholarships and University of Otago Scholarships are awarded by the University Council on the basis of high academic achievement, to students who are completing either the third year of a specific degree programme or completing the 300-level Major subject requirement of other degree or Diploma programmes.

The GPA cut-off for University of Otago Prestige Scholarships is GPA 8.5 at 300-level.

The GPA cut-off for University of Otago Scholarships is GPA 7.5 at 300-level.

Please see **attached** a copy of the University of Otago Prestige Scholarships and University of Otago Scholarships regulations.

2. How many of these [University of Otago Scholarships] were awarded in Science and in total in 2024?

Please see the below table which shows the number of students who received a University of Otago Scholarship in Science and University of Otago Prestige Scholarship in Science in 2024, as well as the total number of students who received a University of Otago Scholarship and University of Otago Prestige Scholarship in 2024:

	Number of Students who received a scholarship in 2024
UO Scholarship in Science	121
UO Prestige Scholarship in Science	57
UO Scholarship	395
UO Prestige Scholarship	131

I trust that this information will be helpful.

Ngā mihi

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Kelsey Kennard', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Kelsey Kennard
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