

Win a taste of university life with Hands-On at Otago 2026

Join over 400 students from across Aotearoa New Zealand for a week of authentic university life during the summer holidays.

Choose your favourite subject from many topics and get hands-on in a university department. You'll interact with Otago researchers and learn about their discoveries.

Live in a university residential college for the week, with social and recreational activities filling your afternoons and evenings. It's a genuine preview of student life at one of New Zealand's leading universities.

Demand for a place on the programme is competitive, last year there were close to 1,000 applications. This is a fantastic opportunity for the lucky winner.

Hands-on at Otago 2026 will run from: Sunday 11 - Friday 16 January, 2026.

For Parents: Students receive full supervision throughout the Hands-On at Otago programme.

Learn more about this opportunity: <https://www.otago.ac.nz/hands-on-at-otago>

What's included in the prize?

The scholarship winner receives full coverage for Hands-On at Otago, valued up to \$1500:

- **Accommodation & meals** – Stay in Te Rangihīroa, our newest residential college, with your own room. All meals included (breakfast, lunch, dinner), plus bed, bedding and towels
- **Return flights** – Economy flights to/from Dunedin (alternative transport considered)
- **Local transport** – Airport/bus terminal transfers to the programme
- **Programme costs** – All activities and course materials covered
- **Note:** Other personal expenses not included. Cash alternatives are not available if the winner cannot attend.

Who can enter? Students entering Year 12 or 13 in 2026

How to enter? Please indicate you wish to be considered for the prize when you register for Scitec.