360 International Award for Equity Students

Description

The purpose of the Award is to assist University of Auckland students who are part of the University’s equity groups with the cost of studying overseas while on an approved student exchange.

Selection process

- Application is made to the Scholarships Office
- A Selection Committee assesses the applications
- The Award is made by the University of Auckland Council on the recommendation of the Selection Committee

Regulations

1. The Award shall be known as the 360 International Award for Equity Students.
2. Four Awards will be made annually, for a period of one year, and will be of the value of $6,000 each (see Note I).
3. The Award will be made to domestic candidates intending to enrol as exchange students at an approved exchange partner, who will have completed at least one year of full-time study (or equivalent) in an undergraduate or postgraduate programme at the University of Auckland by the commencement of the semester of exchange, and achieved the academic requirements of the 360 International exchange programme (see Note II).
4. The basis of selection will be academic achievement as assessed by the candidate’s cumulative grade point average (CGPA), the candidate’s personal circumstances, including demonstrated financial need, the decile of the most recent secondary school attended, if the applicant comes from a refugee background or if the student has disclosed disabilities to Student Disability Services. The Selection Committee will also consider the suitability of the candidate’s proposed programme at the host university to their course of study at the University of Auckland; and the student’s suitability as a representative of the University of Auckland (see Notes II, IV and V).
5. The Award will be made by the University of Auckland Council upon the recommendation of a Selection Committee comprising: the Deputy Director, International Operations (or nominee); the Pro-Vice Chancellor (Equity) (or nominee) and one academic member of the International Committee, nominated by the Chair of International Operations.
6. The Award will be tenable for one year only. The Award will be paid in one lump sum subject to confirmation of an offer of acceptance at an approved exchange partner (see Note I).

7. Recipients of the Award shall, upon their return, present a brief written report (400–600 words) on their experiences as exchange students to the 360 International Office.

8. The Award may be held concurrently with any other scholarship, award or grant as long as a) the terms of that scholarship, award or grant permit and b) the University of Auckland Council is informed and approves.

9. The University of Auckland Council is not obliged to make an award if in any year there is no candidate of sufficient merit.

10. The University of Auckland has the power to amend or vary these Regulations, provided that there is no departure from the main purpose of the Award.

11. Applications close with the Scholarships Office on 30 April and 30 October in the year preceding the award.

12. Notes [I]-[VII] below are deemed to be regulations.

**Notes**

I. Recipients will be required to take up the Award within 12 months of the funding being awarded.

II. Refer to the 360 International exchange programme website for details of how to apply and eligibility for exchange. A minimum CGPA of 5.00, inclusive of current and past enrolment, is required for consideration for the exchange programme. Successful candidates will need to achieve a term GPA of 5.00 in the semester before the exchange. Applicants with a lower CGPA may be considered on a case by case basis and should contact 360 International before applying for the Award.

III. Recipients may only hold this award once.

IV. Financial need will be determined by current or past eligibility for a StudyLink Student Allowance, and personal and financial circumstances.

V. Refugee background refers to students who have themselves or whose parents/primary guardian(s) have been granted refuge in New Zealand.

VI. Payments under the terms of this Award remain tax-free as long as they are used directly for costs associated with an awardee’s programme of study. Failure to comply with this regulation will result in the termination of the Award.

VII. Recipients of a 360 International Award for Equity Students will be required to give undertakings that they will comply with the regulations for the Award and will notify the Scholarships Office of any change in their enrolment or funding status. The University of Auckland may, in the event that it can be established that a recipient of a 360 International Award for Equity Students is not complying with these regulations, terminate the Award and require repayment of the funds received.