

360 International Award for Equity Students

Code:	914
Faculty:	All
Applicable study:	Students accepted into the 360 International exchange programme
Closing date:	13 June 2024 and 30 November 2023
Tenure:	Up to one year
For:	Assistance with costs associated with overseas study on an approved exchange programme for students who are part of the University's recognised equity groups
Number on offer:	Varies
Offer rate:	Twice a year
Value:	Up to \$6,000 each

Description

The purpose of the Award is to assist Waipapa Taumata Rau, 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. Awards will be made twice a year for a period of up to one year and will be of the value of up to \$6,000 each (see Note II).
3. To be eligible for Award consideration, an applicant must i) be a domestic student, ii) identify as a member of a group that has experienced prejudice, discrimination, intolerance, underrepresentation, or who have been historically excluded (see Note III), iii) be intending to enrol as an exchange student at an approved exchange partner, iv) have completed at least one year of full-time study (or equivalent) in an undergraduate or postgraduate programme at Waipapa Taumata Rau, University of Auckland by the commencement of the semester of exchange, and iv) have achieved the academic requirements of the 360 International exchange programme (see Note IV).
4. Awardees may only hold this Award once.
5. The basis of selection will be academic achievement as assessed by the applicant's cumulative grade point average (CGPA), the quality of the applicant's personal statements, and the applicant's personal circumstances, including the decile or Equity Index number of the most recent secondary school or kura attended, if the applicant comes from a refugee background, if the student has a disability, or financial need as assessed by a personal statement and the criteria at Note V (see Notes III and V to VII). The Selection Committee will also consider the suitability of the applicant's proposed programme at the host university to their course of study at the University of Auckland; and the

applicant's suitability as a representative of the University of Auckland.

6. The Award will be made by the University of Auckland Council on the recommendation of a Selection Committee comprising the Student Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Manager (or nominee), the Deputy Director, International Operations (or nominee) and one academic staff member of the International Committee, nominated by the Chair of International Committee.
7. The Award will be paid in one instalment.
8. To be paid the Award, an awardee must have i) received a nomination offer from the 360 International Office for an approved exchange partner, and ii) confirmation of acceptance from the host university (see Notes VIII and IX).
9. Awardees shall, upon their return, present a brief written report (400–600 words) on their experiences as exchange students to the 360 International Office.
10. The Award may not be held concurrently with the 360 International Award for Māori and Pacific Students; however, it may be held concurrently with any other scholarship, award or grant as long as the regulations for that scholarship, award or grant permit and the University of Auckland Council is informed and approves. It is the responsibility of the awardee to declare to the Scholarships Office all other scholarships, awards or grant funding received and for which the awardee receives payment while also in payment for this Award.
11. 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 and/or to assist the awardee with living costs while studying (see Note I). Failure to comply with this regulation will result in the termination of the Award.
12. The University of Auckland Council is not obliged to make an award if it is determined there are no candidates that meet the criteria and/or no candidates of sufficient merit. The University of Auckland Council can amend or vary these Regulations, provided that there is no departure from the main purpose of the Award.
13. Applications close with the Scholarships Office on 13 June and 30 November in the year preceding the award (see Note II).
14. Notes [I]-[X] below are deemed to be regulations.

Notes

- I. *The tax-free status of this Award is under current legislation. The University of Auckland cannot guarantee this tax-free outcome.*
- II. *Awardees will be required to take up the Award within 12 months of the funding being awarded. Students intending to undertake an exchange commencing between December and March are recommended to apply in the June application round.*
- III. *Refer to <https://www.auckland.ac.nz/en/about-us/about-the-university/policy-hub/university-governance/equity/equity-policy.html>.*
- IV. *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.*
- V. *Financial need will be determined by current or past eligibility for a StudyLink Student Allowance, and personal financial circumstances.*
- VI. *For the purposes of this Award, refugee background refers to students who have themselves or whose parents/primary guardian(s) have been granted refuge in New Zealand.*
- VII. *Waipapa Taumata Rau, University of Auckland defines disability as any physical, psychological, cognitive or sensory impairment which may, in interaction with social and systemic barriers, limit a person's full and effective participation in university life on an equal basis with others.*
- VIII. *In the event that the awardee does not receive an offer of acceptance from the designated exchange partner, or decides to withdraw from the exchange programme at any point after receiving the Award payment, the full amount of the Award must be repaid. In the event that the awardee is unable to travel overseas, and the exchange is*

completed online from New Zealand, the full amount of the Award, less any unrecoverable costs not covered by travel insurance, must be repaid.

- IX. Awardees must register their travel plans with 360 International prior to departure from New Zealand in accordance with the Guidelines for students travelling overseas (refer to <https://www.auckland.ac.nz/en/students/forms-policies-and-guidelines/student-policies-and-guidelines/student-travel-guidelines.html>).*
- X. Awardees will be required to comply with the regulations for the Award and must notify the Scholarships Office of any change in their enrolment or funding status. Waipapa Taumata Rau, University of Auckland may, in the event that it can be established that an awardee is not complying with these regulations, terminate the Award and require repayment of the funds received.*