360 International Award for Equity Students

Description

The purpose of the Award is to assist University of Auckland Waipapa Taumata Rau 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 annually, for a period of one year, and will be of the value of up to $6,000 each (see Notes I to II).
3. To be eligible for Award consideration, applicants must i) be a domestic student, ii) identify as a member of a University supported equity group (see Note III), iii) be intending to enrol as exchange students 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 the University of Auckland Waipapa Taumata Rau 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. The basis of selection will be academic achievement as assessed by the applicant’s cumulative grade point average (CGPA), the applicant’s personal circumstances, including demonstrated financial need, the decile of the most recent secondary school or kura attended, if the applicant comes from a refugee background or if the student has a disability. 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 (see Notes III to VII).
5. The Award will be made by the University of Auckland Council on the recommendation of a Selection Committee.
comprising: the Deputy Director, International Operations (or nominee); the Pro-Vice Chancellor (Equity) (or nominee) and one academic staff member of the International Committee, nominated by the Chair of International Committee.

6. The Award will be paid in one lump sum subject to confirmation of a nomination offer from the 360 International Office for an approved exchange partner (see Note VIII).

7. Awardees 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 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.

9. 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.

10. The University of Auckland Waipapa Taumata Rau can 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 15 June and 15 November in the year preceding the award.

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

Notes

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

II. Awardees may only hold this Award once.

III. For the purposes of this Award, University supported equity groups are: students with disabilities; LGBTIQ+ students; students from refugee backgrounds; students from low socio-economic backgrounds; and men, women and gender divers people where there are barriers to access and success. See 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. For the purposes of this Award, a disability refers to both visible and invisible impairments including: blind and low vision, Deaf and hearing impaired, head injury, ongoing medical conditions, diagnosed mental health conditions, physical/mobility impairments, speech impairments, Autism Spectrum Disorder, specific learning disabilities (e.g. dyslexia, dyspraxia, dyscalculia).

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. 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. Failure to comply with this regulation will result in the termination of the Award.
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. The University of Auckland Waipapa Taumata Rau 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.