AUEA Māori Engineering Pathway Scholarship

Scholarship description

These Scholarships were established in 2017 and are funded by the Auckland University Engineers Association (AUEA) Inc.
The main purpose of the Scholarship is to provide financial and mentoring assistance to first year Māori students who have achieved academically, have demonstrated leadership potential, and have demonstrated active participation in community, cultural and other activities, and have demonstrated commitment to, or interest in, the BE(Hons) degree programme.

Selection process

- Application is made to the Scholarships Office
- A Selection Committee assesses the applications
- Short-listed applicants may be required to attend an interview
- The Scholarships are awarded by the University of Auckland Council on the recommendation of the Selection Committee

Regulations

1. The scholarships will be known as the AUEA Māori Engineering Pathway Scholarships.
2. Up to three scholarships will be awarded annually, each for a period of up to one year and will be of the value starting from $2,500 with the discretion to go up to $10,000 each. In addition to the financial reward, each awardee will be provided with Tuākana mentoring and tutoring by senior students in the Faculty and a mentor drawn from the engineering industry.
3. The scholarships will be offered to Māori students who are citizens or permanent residents of New Zealand, currently in their final year at a New Zealand secondary school and intending to enroll full-time in a Bachelor of Engineering (Honours) (BE(Hons)) degree or associated conjoint degree in the Faculty of Engineering at the University of Auckland in the following year. In the case of a gap year, the student must have been enrolled in their final year at a New Zealand secondary school in the year immediately prior to the year of application.
4. To take up and be paid the scholarship, the candidates must be enrolled and have paid the fees, or arranged to pay the fees, for full-time enrolment in a BE(Hons) at the University of Auckland.

5. The basis of selection will be academic ability based on results at Level 2 or higher in the National Certificate of Educational Achievement (NCEA) or an equivalent qualification and demonstrated all round ability (as evidenced by achievement in sports or arts activities) or leadership potential and community involvement, evidence of financial need (see Note ii), first in family to attend University (see Note iii), evidence of a disability, or lower socio-economic status, and demonstrated commitment and desire to study engineering.

6. To go into payment of the scholarship, the awardee must have met the University Entrance standard and gained entry to the Bachelor of Engineering (Honours) either by the guaranteed admission rank scores, Māori and Pacific Targeted Entry Scheme (MAPTES) or the Alternative pathway via Faculty of Science (see Notes iv-vi).

7. As a condition of tenure, recipients will be required to maintain a grade point average (GPA) of at least 4.00 (equivalent to a B- average) in each semester of study (see Note vii).

8. The Scholarship will be awarded by the University of Auckland Council upon the recommendation of a Selection Committee comprising the President of the AUEA (or nominee), the Kaiārahi of the Faculty of Engineering or nominee) and one member of Academic Staff from the Faculty of Engineering, nominated by the Dean of Engineering.

9. The scholarship will be paid in two equal lump sums in the third week of Semesters One and Two.

10. The scholarship may not be held concurrently with an AUEA Pacific Engineering Pathway Scholarship, a University of Auckland Top Achiever Scholarship, University of Auckland Māori Academic Excellence Scholarship, a University of Auckland Pacific Academic Excellence Scholarship or a University of Auckland Academic Potential Scholarship. However, it may be held with any other award or grant as long as a) the terms of that award or grant permit and b) the University of Auckland Council is informed and approves. It is the responsibility of the recipient to declare to the Scholarships Office all other grant, award or scholarship funding received while in payment for this Scholarship.

11. The University of Auckland Council, in consultation with the donor, has the power to terminate or suspend a scholarship if it receives an unsatisfactory report on the progress of a Scholar from the Dean of Engineering.

12. The University of Auckland Council is not obliged to make an award if in any year there are not candidates of sufficient merit.

13. The University of Auckland, in consultation with the donor, has the power to amend or vary these regulations provided that there is no departure from the main purpose of the scholarships.

14. Applications close with the Scholarships Office on 15 November of the year preceding the year of the award.

15. Notes [i]-[xiii] below are deemed to be Regulations.

Notes

I. Tuition/Compulsory fees are only those related to the relevant programme of study, plus Student Services Fee.

II. Financial need will be determined by a range of factors including eligibility for a Study Link Student Allowance, and personal and financial circumstances.

III. For the purpose of these scholarships, ‘first in family’ to attend university means the first member in their family, including parents and siblings, to enroll at a university. Adoptive and step parents and siblings are considered part of the nuclear family where they have lived with the applicant for the previous five or more years.

IV. Guaranteed admission rank scores are at least an NCEA rank score of 260 (including 17 Level 3 credits in Calculus and 16 Level 3 credits in Physics), a CIE rank score of 310 (including Mathematics and Physics at A Levels) or an IB score of 33 (including Mathematics and Physics at HL Levels).

V. Students wishing to be considered for a place under the MAPTES must complete the required application directly to the Faculty of Engineering.

VI. Subject to the availability of places in Part I of the BE(Hons), the Faculty will consider for admission in Semester Two students who achieve a minimum GPA of 5.00 across 60 points of agreed study in a Bachelor of Science (BSc).

VII. For the purposes of these scholarships, the recipient’s grade point average (GPA) is based on all the courses they
undertake in each semester of study.

VIII. Except in cases where there are compelling medical reasons or adverse personal circumstances beyond a student’s control, the uptake of scholarships cannot be deferred. Students who are offered an AUEA Māori Engineering Pathway Scholarship but who do not take it up in the year of offer may request that their application be reconsidered in the intake of applications for the year immediately following.

IX. Recipients must be enrolled continuously in their programme of study. Deferrals for students who have already commenced their degree will not usually be approved unless there are compelling medical or adverse personal circumstances beyond the student’s control.

X. Deferral requests must be made in writing to the Scholarships Office.

XI. If a student enrolls at another tertiary institution in New Zealand, the scholarship will lapse.

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

XIII. These regulations are subject to Senate and Council approval.