Bruce McLaren Automotive Award

Scholarship description

The Award was established in 2016 and is funded by Alumni Neil Paton, Eric Tracey and Rob Whitehouse in honour of Bruce McLaren, and with additional funding in 2017 from Sir Colin Giltrap.

The main purpose of the Award is to provide an international experience of up to 8 weeks for a University of Auckland Engineering student to travel to the United Kingdom and spend time at the McLaren Technology Centre in Woking. The recipient will participate in a study and research placement.

Selection process

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

Regulations

1. The Award will be known as the Bruce McLaren Automotive Award.
2. One Award will be made annually and will cover return economy class airfares, accommodation, domestic travel, living expenses and the cost of the appropriate visitor’s visa, up to the value of $15,000.
3. To take up and be paid the Award the candidate must be enrolled and have paid the fees, or arranged to pay the fees, for full-time enrolment in Part II or III of a Bachelor of Engineering (Honours) and have an interest in automotive engineering.
4. The Award is tenable by domestic and international students.
5. The basis of selection will be academic merit (see Note i), the applicant’s leadership and communication skills and their participation in extra-curricular activities.
6. The Award will be made by the University of Auckland Council on the recommendation of a selection committee comprising the Dean of the Faculty of Engineering (or nominee), the Head of the Department of Mechanical Engineering (or nominee) and one representative of McLaren Automotive (or nominee).
The Award may be held concurrently 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.

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

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

Applications close with the Scholarships Office on 18 August in the year of the award.

Notes [i]-[iv] below are deemed to be regulations.

Notes

I. For the purpose of this Award, academic merit is assessed as an Awards GPA or GPE obtained over the applicant’s most recent two years of full-time graded study (or equivalent).

II. Travel will be undertaken between late December and late February.

III. The recipient will be required to sign a confidentiality agreement with the Bruce McLaren Technology Centre before commencing their placement.

IV. The recipient of this Award will be required to present a brief report to the Faculty of Engineering about their experience within 4 weeks of their return to New Zealand.