Ellen Castle Undergraduate Scholarship in the Schools of Humanities and Social Sciences

**Scholarship description**

The purpose of the Scholarship is to assist school leavers from decile 1-3 schools who have the potential to succeed at University and require financial assistance to undertake a Bachelor of Arts in the Schools of Humanities and/or Social Sciences at the University of Auckland. The Scholarship was established in 2014.

**Selection process**

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

**Regulations**

1. The Scholarship will be known as the Ellen Castle Undergraduate Scholarship in the Schools of Humanities and Social Sciences.
2. One Scholarship will be awarded annually, for a period of up to three years, and will be of the value of up to $5,000 per annum.
3. To take up and be paid the Scholarship the candidate must have paid the fees, or arranged to pay the fees, for enrolment in a Bachelor of Arts, majoring in the Schools of Humanities and/or the Social Sciences (see Notes i, ii and iii).
4. The Scholarships are tenable by students who are citizens or permanent residents of New Zealand and who are in Year 13 at a decile 1-3 New Zealand secondary school at the time of application.
5. The basis of selection will be academic merit, demonstrated financial need and an interest in the Humanities and/or Social Sciences (see Notes iv and v).
6. The Scholarship will be awarded by the University of Auckland Council on the recommendation of a Selection Committee.
Committee comprising the Dean of the Faculty of Arts (or nominee), the Pro Vice Chancellor (Equity) (or nominee) and one member of Academic Staff from the School of Humanities or School of Social Sciences, as appointed by the Dean of the Faculty of Arts.

7. The Scholarship will be paid in two instalments, one in the first, and one in the second semester.

8. To take up and to maintain the Scholarship the recipient must attain a GPE or GPA of at least 3.00 (equivalent to a C+ average) each semester (see Notes iv and vi).

9. The Scholarship may not be held concurrently with a University of Auckland Top Achiever Scholarship, University of Auckland Māori Academic Excellence Scholarship, University of Auckland Pacific Academic Excellence Scholarship, or University of Auckland Academic Potential Scholarship -School Leavers but 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.

10. 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 the Faculty of Arts.

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

12. 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 Scholarship.

13. Applications close with the Scholarships Office on 1 November in the year preceding the award. Current recipients applying for a second year of funding will be required to submit a letter requesting continuation by the closing date.

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

**Notes**

I. **Students enrolled in conjoint degree programmes are not eligible to apply for this Scholarship.**

II. **The School of Humanities means the disciplinary areas of: Art History, Classics and Ancient History, English, Drama and Writing Studies, History, Philosophy and Theology.**

III. **The School of Social Sciences means the disciplinary areas of: Anthropology, Development Studies, Media, Film and Television, Politics and International Relations, Sociology and Criminology.**

IV. **To take up their offer of the Scholarship, applicants must achieve admission the University of Auckland with a NCEA rank score of at least 220, a CIE rank score of at least 260 or an IB score of at least 29, which are equivalent to a University of Auckland entry GPE of 4.00.**

V. **Applicants will be asked to provide evidence of family financial circumstances e.g. via confirmation of their eligibility for a StudyLink Student Allowance.**

VI. **For the purposes of this Scholarship a recipients’ grade point average (GPA) is based on all the courses they undertake in each semester of study.**

VII. **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 personal circumstances. Any deferral requests must be applied for in writing to the Scholarships Office.**

VIII. **If a student enrolls at another tertiary institution in New Zealand, the Scholarship will lapse.**