Fair Wind Foundation Scholarships.

**Scholarship description**

The Scholarships were established in 2013 and are funded by the Fair Wind Foundation Trust. The Fair Wind Foundation supports underprivileged and underserved populations with a special focus on women’s and children’s education.

The main purpose of the Scholarships is to assist women students of Cook Island descent, who are experiencing challenging personal, family or financial circumstances that may prevent them from undertaking full-time study.

**Selection process**

- Applications 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 Scholarships shall be known as the Fair Wind Foundation Scholarships.
2. Up to four Scholarships will be awarded annually, each for a period of one year, and each will be of the value of up to $11,000 per annum.
3. To take up and be paid the Scholarships the recipients must be enrolled and have paid the fees, or arranged to pay the fees, for full-time enrolment in any year of an undergraduate or postgraduate degree at the University of Auckland (see Note i). The Scholarships are tenable by women students of Cook Island descent, who are citizens or permanent residents of New Zealand.
4. The basis of selection will be academic merit, the nature and quality of the applicant’s personal statement, motivation to succeed at university and demonstrated financial hardship (see Notes ii and iii).
5. The Scholarships will be awarded by the University of Auckland Council upon the recommendation of a Selection Committee comprising the Chair of the Scholarships Sub-Committee (or nominee), the Pro Vice-Chancellor (Equity) (or nominee) and a representative of Alumni Relations and Development.
6. The Scholarships will be paid as a stipend.
7. The Scholarships 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.

8. 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 relevant Faculty Dean.

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

10. 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 Scholarships.

11. Applications close with the Scholarships Office on 31 January in the year of the award.

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

**Notes**

I. *Current recipients may re-apply by the closing date and if successful may hold the Scholarships for no more than three years.*

II. *Academic merit is assessed by a GPA or GPE of 3.5 or higher, obtained over the applicant’s most recent two years of full-time graded study (or equivalent). GPA’s / GPE’s of school-leavers will be obtained or assessed from the applicant’s rank score on admission to the University of Auckland. A GPA of 3.5 is equivalent to the minimum of the B- average range.*

III. *In making a recommendation for these Scholarships the Selection Committee shall take into account other scholarships, bursaries and awards held by the candidates, with a view to distributing available monies among qualifying candidates.*