Francis Small Scholarship

Scholarship description

The Scholarship was established in 2015 by Dr Francis Small, who graduated with a ME and PhD in Civil Engineering from the University of Auckland. This led to a successful career and he became the Managing Director of New Zealand Rail and Tranz Rail Ltd. His wish is to enable others to study for an ME and experience the opportunities that this will create for them.

The main purpose of the Scholarship is to assist a student to undertake research masters study in Engineering, especially where this funding would make a significant contribution to their financial needs. This Scholarship is shared with the University of Canterbury and therefore will be offered to University of Auckland students on a biennial basis.

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 shall be known as the Francis Small Scholarship.
2. One Scholarship will be awarded biennially, for a period of one year, and will be of the value of up to $10,000.
3. To take up and be paid the Scholarship the candidate must be enrolled and have paid the fees, or arranged to pay the fees, for full-time enrolment in a Master of Engineering (Research) in a topic related to Civil, Electrical, Mechanical or Chemical Engineering.
4. The Scholarship is tenable by students who are citizens or permanent residents of New Zealand.
5. The basis of selection will be academic merit, the quality and nature of the proposed research, potential to contribute to the engineering industry and demonstrated financial need (see Notes i and ii).
6. The Scholarship will be awarded by the University of Auckland Council upon the recommendation of a Selection Committee comprising the Dean of the Faculty of Engineering (or nominee), one member of Academic Staff from the Faculty of Engineering, appointed by the Dean of the Faculty of Engineering and one representative of the IPENZ Foundation.
7. The Scholarship will be paid as a tuition fees credit in Semester One.
8. The Scholarship may be held concurrently with any other award or grant up to the value of $10,000 as long as a) the terms of that award or grant permit and b) the University of Auckland Council is informed and approves.
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 IPENZ Foundation, provided that there is no departure from the main purpose of the Scholarship.
11. Applications close with the Scholarships Office on 3 March in the year of the award.
12. Notes [i] to [v] below are deemed to be regulations.

Notes

I. For the purpose of this Scholarship, academic merit is assessed as a Scholarships GPA or GPE obtained over the applicant’s most recent two years of full-time graded study (or equivalent).
II. Financial need will be determined by a range of factors including previous eligibility for a StudyLink Student Allowance, and personal and financial circumstances.
III. Tuition/Compulsory fees are those only related to the relevant programme of study, plus Student Services Fee.
IV. In making a recommendation for this scholarship the selection committee shall take into account other scholarships, bursaries and awards held by the candidates, with a view to achieving a fair distribution of monies among qualifying candidates.
V. Recipients will be required to submit a brief final report outlining their research and key findings to the Scholarships Office at the conclusion of their study.