He Rau Aroha Scholarships for the Bachelor of Optometry and Bachelor of Pharmacy

Scholarship description

The Scholarships were established in 2016 and are financed by the Faculty of Medical and Health Sciences.

The main purpose of the Scholarships is to support Māori and Pacific students enrolling in the Bachelor of Optometry or the Bachelor of Pharmacy through the Māori and Pacific Admission Scheme (MAPAS).

Selection process

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

Regulations

1. The Scholarships shall be known as the He Rau Aroha Scholarships for the Bachelor of Optometry and Bachelor of Pharmacy.
2. Up to 4 Scholarships will be awarded annually (2 per programme), each for the duration of the degree programme in which the student is enrolled, and will be of the value of $10,000 per annum each. Students will be permitted to retain the scholarship if they are required to repeat a year of the degree and have supporting exceptional circumstances (see Note i).
3. The Scholarships will be awarded to the candidates on entry to the degree who are enrolled full-time in the Bachelor of Optometry or the Bachelor of Pharmacy and who have been admitted to these programmes through the Māori and Pacific Admission Scheme (MAPAS).
4. To take up and be paid the Scholarships the candidates must be enrolled and have paid the fees, or arranged to pay the fees for full-time enrolment in the Bachelor of Optometry or the Bachelor of Pharmacy.
5. The Scholarships are tenable by students who are citizens or permanent residents of New Zealand.
6. The basis of selection will be academic merit (see Note ii), leadership qualities as identified during the applicant’s admission interview process and demonstrated financial need (see Note iii).

7. The Scholarships will be awarded by the University of Auckland Council upon the recommendation of a selection committee comprising the Dean of the Faculty of Medical and Health Sciences (or nominee), the Tumuaki (or nominee), the Director of Vision 20:20 (or nominee) and a member of academic staff from each School (appointed by the Head of School) and the Student Academic Services and Engagement Manager (or nominee).

8. The Scholarships will be paid in two instalments per year, one in each semester of eligible study.

9. The University of Auckland Council has the power to terminate or suspend a Scholarship, if it receives an unsatisfactory report on the progress of a Scholar from the Academic Director of the School of Optometry and Vision Science or the School of Pharmacy.

10. 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 has the power to amend or vary these Regulations, in consultation with the Faculty, provided that there is no departure from the main purpose of the Scholarships.

11. Applications close with the Scholarships Office on 12 December in the year preceding the award.

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

Notes

I. Where a student fails to complete a part of the degree and is required to repeat that part, the scholarship can continue to cover a further year of study to complete the degree if their performance was impaired and there are documented circumstances verified by the University Health and Counselling Service.

II. For the purpose of these Scholarships, academic merit is assessed as a GPA or GPE obtained over the applicant’s most recent year of full-time graded study (or equivalent).

III. Financial need will be determined by a range of factors including current eligibility for a StudyLink Student Allowance, and personal and financial circumstances.

IV. Regulations are subject to Senate and Council approval.