Kelly Undergraduate Scholarships

Scholarship description

The Scholarships were established in 2003 and are financed by Paul Kelly, an American businessman, who has a long-term interest in tertiary education and is a major supporter of the University of Auckland Business School. The main purpose of the Scholarships is to encourage the development of a cadre of future leaders of business and society by promoting academic excellence and assisting outstanding students to reach their full potential.

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 Scholarships will be known as the Kelly Undergraduate Scholarships.
2. Up to five scholarships will be awarded annually, each having a tenure of up to three years and having a value of $8,000 pa depending on the availability of funding.
3. The Scholarships are tenable by students who are Citizens or Permanent Residents of New Zealand.
4. The Scholarships will normally be awarded to undergraduate candidates enrolled full-time who have paid the fees, or arranged to pay the fees, for study in the Faculty of Business and Economics (see Note i). The basis of selection will be the achievement of Business School undergraduate admission requirements for school leavers and/or academic merit for second or subsequent year undergraduate candidates and the potential to succeed in the study of business and economics (see Note ii). Preference may be given to students who can demonstrate significant financial need (see Note iii).
5. Applicants are required to complete an application form and attach an essay, which sets out their career goals and aspiration. In the essay, applicants will have the opportunity to show how study at the University of Auckland will help them achieve their goals. Applicants must also submit one letter of recommendation from a referee.
6. The Scholarships will be awarded by the University of Auckland Council on the recommendation of a Selection Committee comprising a Head of Department in the Faculty of Business and Economics appointed by the Dean (or
nominee), the Associate Dean of Business and Economics (Academic) (or nominee) and one member representing the Kelly Fund, nominated by the benefactor.

8. A Kelly Undergraduate Scholarship may be held with any other study award or grant where the regulations for that award or grant permit and where the University of Auckland Council so approves.

9. Scholarship holders will be encouraged to make a commitment to involve themselves in mentoring and assistance to other students and to promote university study to their local secondary schools and in their communities.

10. Scholarship holders will be required to submit an annual report (of approximately one page) on their academic and other progress and involvement to the Scholarships Office by 15 December annually.

11. The Scholarship’s emolument will be paid in two equal instalments: one in the first semester, and one in the second semester.

12. The University of Auckland Council has power to terminate or suspend a Scholarship, if it receives an unsatisfactory report on the academic progress of a student from the Scholar’s Head of Department. A Scholarship will normally be terminated if a Scholarship holder’s GPA falls below an average of C on a full-time load for the previous year of study. This will be calculated at the end of each academic year.

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

14. The University of Auckland has power to amend or vary these regulations (in consultation with the Donor during their lifetime) provided that there is no departure from the main purpose of the Scholarships.

15. A Scholarship must normally be taken up in the year for which it is offered.

16. Applications close with the Scholarships Office on 17 April in the year of the award. All accompanying documentation to the application must be submitted by the closing date.

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

Notes

I. Payments to scholars enrolled in conjoint degrees will be pro-rated based on the percentage of Business School courses taken in any given year. Eligible courses may include up to one General Education course.

II. Grade Point Average will be calculated on the basis of the best marks for a minimum full-time load.

III. References can be from a supervisor at work, a community group leader or any other adult familiar with the applicant. Referees must act in their personal capacity and not be a close relative of the applicant.

IV. Scholarship holders may be offered paid work as ambassadors to secondary schools and other organisations on behalf of the University of Auckland.