Presbyterian Methodist Congregational Grafton Scholarships

Scholarship description

The Scholarships were established in 2016 and have been funded by the Presbyterian Methodist Congregational Foundation.

The main purpose of the Scholarships is to provide residential scholarships to undergraduate students who wish to study at the University of Auckland but who cannot afford to fund their accommodation.

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 will be known as the Presbyterian Methodist Congregational Grafton Scholarships.
2. Scholarships will be awarded annually, each for a period of up to three years, and will cover all of the cost of the first three years of accommodation in a catered University of Auckland Hall of Residence. In the event that a student resides in non-catered University of Auckland accommodation in years two and three of tenure, the Scholarships will cover the full cost of accommodation in a University of Auckland non-catered standard room with the balance paid as a fortnightly stipend towards living costs (see Notes i-iii).
3. The Scholarships will be offered to students who are citizens or permanent residents of New Zealand, currently in their last year of study at a New Zealand secondary school or who have left school during or at the end of the previous secondary school year and did not subsequently enrol at any University or other tertiary institution (within or
outside New Zealand). In both cases students must intend to enrol full-time in a degree programme at the University of Auckland in the following year.

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 any undergraduate degree at the University of Auckland.

5. The initial basis of selection will be financial need, plus academic ability and motivation to succeed at University (see Notes iv and v).

6. To continue to hold these Scholarships, the recipients of Grafton Scholarships must maintain a full-time degree programme of study at the University of Auckland with a grade point average of at least 3.00 (equivalent to a C+ average) in each year of study.

7. The Scholarships will be awarded by the University of Auckland Council on the recommendation of a selection committee comprising the Deputy Vice Chancellor (Academic) (or nominee), the Director of Alumni Relations and Development (or nominee) and one representative of the Donor’s Advisory Committee.

8. The Scholarships will cover all of the cost of the recipients’ first three years of accommodation in catered University of Auckland accommodation (see Reg.2 and Note vii). Payment will be made directly to the relevant accommodation provider.

9. The Scholarships may not be held concurrently with any other awards or grants that include accommodation. They 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 Donors Advisory Committee, has the power to terminate or suspend a Scholarship if it receives an unsatisfactory report on the progress of a Scholar from the relevant Head of Department or Disciplinary Area and/or Hall of Residence.

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’s Advisory Committee, 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.

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

**Notes**

I. **Grafton Hall is the preferred Hall of Residence for these Scholarships. Where a place is not available at Grafton Hall, accommodation in a suitable and comparable catered University of Auckland Hall of Residence will be provided.**

II. **In the event that the student requests continuation of catered accommodation beyond their first year and if the University of Auckland considers it to be in her or his best interest, endeavours will be made to satisfy this request where possible.**

III. **The balance is the difference in cost between catered and non-catered University accommodation.**

IV. **For the purpose of this Scholarship, academic ability will be based on results at Level 2 or higher in the National Certificate of Educational Achievement (NCEA) or an equivalent qualification.**

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. **The last year of study at secondary school may be year 12 or 13.**

VII. **Awardees are requested to submit a brief written report (approximately 500 words) in December each year, over the tenure of their scholarship. This report must be submitted to the Scholarships Office and will be passed to the Donor as an update on your current and future academic studies, challenges and plans, and the benefit/s you have gained from holding this Scholarship. Submission of a satisfactory report is a pre-requisite to enable an awardee to continue to hold the Scholarship for the following year.**

VIII. **The scholarship will end should the recipient cease to be enrolled at the University of Auckland or are no longer resident in a catered or non-catered University of Auckland Hall of Residence.**
IX. Once the Donors Advisory Committee is wound up or otherwise ceases to operate for any reason all references to it and the requirement for it to be involved in any matter under these rules will be deemed deleted from these rules.

X. These regulations are subject to Senate and Council approval.