Professor Michael Walker Scholarship for Māori and Pacific Students

**Code:** 589  
**Faculty:** All  
**Applicable study:** Māori and Pacific students enrolling in a postgraduate programme at the University of Auckland  
**Closing date:** 30 June  
**Tenure:** Up to 1 year of full-time study (or equivalent)  
**For:** Assistance  
**Number on offer:** Up to 8  
**Offer rate:** Annually  
**Value:** $3,000

**Description**

The Scholarship was established in 2009 as the Tuākana Scholarships for Māori and Pacific Students to encourage Māori and Pacific students completing their final year of undergraduate study to enrol in postgraduate study. In 2018, the Scholarship was renamed the Professor Michael Walker Scholarship for Māori and Pacific Students to honour the contribution of Professor Walker, the founder of the Tuākana programme at the time of his retirements from the University of Auckland.

**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 Professor Michael Walker Scholarship for Māori and Pacific Students.  
2. Up to eight Scholarships will be awarded annually, each for a period of one year of equivalent full-time study and will be for the value of $3,000 each, of which four will be awarded to Māori students and four will be awarded to Pacific students.  
3. The Scholarship may be awarded to candidates who have paid the fees for full-time or part-time enrolment in an undergraduate degree programme at the University of Auckland at the time of application for the Scholarship.  
4. The Scholarship is tenable by students who are New Zealand citizens or permanent residents of New Zealand.  
5. The basis of selection will be: confirmation student is enrolled in the final year of an undergraduate degree at the time of application, academic merit as demonstrated by a minimum GPA of 4.00 (B average) in their previous year of study, demonstrated participation in the Tuākana programme, recommendation from Tuākana programme co-ordinator in area of study and a personal statement describing how the applicant's study, research and future work
will benefit their respective Māori and/or Pacific Communities.

6. The Scholarship will be awarded by the University of Auckland Council upon the recommendation of a Selection Committee comprising the Pro Vice Chancellor (Equity) or nominee, Pro Vice Chancellor (Māori) or nominee, Tuākana Equity Advisor, Tuākana Network Representative, Māori Equity Advisor and/or Pacific Equity Advisor.

7. The Scholarship will be paid in one lump sum. Part-time students will be paid on a pro-rata basis.

8. The Scholarship may not be held concurrently with any other award or grant from the University of Auckland.

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 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 Scholarship.

11. Applications close with the Scholarships Office on 30 June in the year preceding the award.