Toi Uru Roa: The Paul Kelly Māori 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 Māori 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 Toi Uru Roa: The Paul Kelly Māori 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 up to $8,000 pa depending on the availability of funding.
3. The Scholarships are tenable by Māori students who are New Zealand Citizens or Permanent Residents of New Zealand.
4. The Scholarships will normally be awarded to undergraduate candidates enrolled full-time and who have paid the fees, or arranged to pay the fees, for study in the Faculty of Business and Economics (see Note ii).
5. The basis of selection will be academic merit at Level 3 in the National Certificate of Educational Achievement (NCEA) or an equivalent qualification, or academic merit and the motivation to succeed at University (see Note iii). Preference may be given to students who can demonstrate significant financial need (See Note iv). Students must state their ancestry or iwi affiliations.
6. Applicants are required to complete an application form and attach an essay, which sets out their career goals and aspirations. 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 (see Note iii).

7. The Scholarships will be awarded by the University of Auckland Council on the recommendation of a Selection Committee comprising the Dean of Business and Economics (or nominee), the Associate Dean of Business and Economics (Academic) (or nominee) and one member representing the Kelly Fund, nominated by the benefactor. In the case of applicants being considered for a Kelly Scholarship set aside for Māori, the representative of the Kelly Fund will be a recipient of the Māori Alumni Business Leader’s Award or other acknowledged Māori leader.

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 are expected to join the Business School’s Tuakana Programme providing mentoring and tutorial support designed to assist Māori and Pacific students (Note v).

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 and Financial Support office by 15 December annually (see Note vi).

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 on the percentage of Business School courses taken in any given year. Eligible courses may include up to one General Education course.

II. Candidates must achieve an NCEA rank score of at least 220 or a CIE rank score of at least 260 based on their Year 13 results. Grade Point Average for second and subsequent year students 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. The referee must act in their personal capacity and not be a close relative of the applicant.

IV. If a scholarship holder is currently participating in wider community activities they may be exempted from the Tuākana Programme.