ACH Consulting Engineers Michael Wesseldine Award

**Description**

The Award was established in 2017 and is funded by ACH Consulting Engineers, in memory of their colleague Michael Wesseldine, a graduate of the University of Auckland with a Bachelor of Engineering in Civil Engineering in 1969. ACH Consulting Engineers are a boutique engineering practice working across civil, structural environmental engineering, from small residential alterations to large apartment complexes, subdivisions and commercial builds.

The main purpose of the Award is to provide support to academically able students enrolled full-time in a Bachelor of Engineering (Honours) in Civil Engineering or Structural Engineering in the Faculty of Engineering, who have demonstrated need for financial assistance.

**Selection process**

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

**Regulations**

1. The Award will be known as the ACH Consulting Engineers Michael Wesseldine Award.
2. One Award will be made annually, for a period of up to one year, and will be of the value of up to $3,500.
3. To take up and be paid the Award, the candidate must be enrolled and have paid the fees, or arranged to pay the fees, for full-time enrolment in Part II or Part III of a Bachelor of Engineering (Honours) degree in Civil Engineering or Structural Engineering at the University of Auckland.
4. The Award is tenable by students who are citizens or permanent residents of New Zealand.
5. The basis of selection will be academic achievement and a personal statement outlining the candidate’s leadership potential, communication skills, university or community engagement and financial need (see Notes I to II).
6. The Award will be made by the University of Auckland Council upon the recommendation of a Selection Committee comprising the Head of the Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering (or nominee), one member of
Academic Staff from the Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering nominated by the Head of Department, and one representative of the donor.

7. The Award will be paid in one instalment upon award.

8. The Award may be held concurrently with any other scholarship, award or grant as long as the regulations for that scholarship, award or grant permit and the University of Auckland Council is informed and approves. It is the responsibility of the recipient to declare to the Scholarships Office all other scholarships, awards or grant funding received and for which the awardee receives payment while also in payment for this Award.

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, in consultation with the donor, has the power to amend or vary these regulations provided that there is no departure from the main purpose of the Award.

11. Applications close with the Scholarships Office on 23 May in the year of the award.

12. Notes [I]-[V] below are deemed to be Regulations.

Notes

I. For the purpose of this Award, academic achievement for students enrolled in Part II is assessed as a Scholarships grade point average (GPA) or grade point equivalent (GPE) obtained over the applicant’s first year of full-time graded study. For students enrolled in Part III, academic achievement is assessed as the GPA/GPE obtained over the most recent two years of full-time graded study (or equivalent).

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

III. Work experience may be made available at ACH Consulting Engineers for Award recipients.

IV. Payments under the terms of this Award remain tax-free as long as they are used directly for the payment of costs associated with an awardee’s programme of study and to assist the awardee with living costs while studying. Failure to comply with this regulation will result in the termination of the Award.

V. Recipients of an ACH Consulting Engineers Michael Wesseldine Award will be required to give undertakings that they will comply with the regulations for this Award and will notify the Scholarships Office of any change in their enrolment or funding status. The University of Auckland may, in the event that it can be established that a recipient of an ACH Consulting Engineers Michael Wesseldine Award is not complying with these regulations, terminate the Award and require repayment of the funds received.