Aspinall Scholarship

**Description**

This Scholarship was established in 2017 and is funded by the New Zealand Walking Access Commission.

The intention of the Scholarship is to encourage and support a student undertaking research in Planning, looking specifically at the opportunities for incentives within the New Zealand planning framework for the provision of access to the outdoors.

**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 will be known as the Aspinall Scholarship.
2. One Scholarship will be awarded annually, for a period of up to one year and will be of the value of up to $5,000.
3. The Scholarship may be awarded to a candidate enrolled in the final year of a Bachelor of Urban Planning (Honours) degree, or enrolled in URBDES 730 in a Master of Urban Design degree, and who is undertaking a research project in the area of walking access in New Zealand. The New Zealand Walking Access Commission will provide a list of broad research areas for approval to the Head of School each year.
4. The Scholarship is tenable by students who are citizens or permanent residents of New Zealand.
5. The basis of selection will be academic merit, the applicant’s communication skills and commitment to the planning profession as evidenced by a personal statement, and the relevance of their research topic to the approved research areas. Successful applicants will have a minimum Grade Point Average (GPA) or Grade Point Equivalent (GPE) of at least 6.00 (see Note I).
6. The Scholarship will be awarded by the University of Auckland Council upon the recommendation of a Selection Committee comprising the Head of the School of Architecture and Planning (or nominee), one member of Academic
Staff from the School of Architecture and Planning and one representative of the donor.

7. Payment will be made in one lump sum.

8. The Scholarship may be held with any other scholarship, award or grant as long as a) the terms of that scholarship, award or grant permit and b) the University of Auckland Council is informed and approves.

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 Council, in consultation with the donor, has the power to terminate or suspend a Scholarship if it receives a report of unsatisfactory progress of a Scholar from the Head of the School of Architecture and Planning.

11. The University of Auckland Council 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.

12. Applications close with the Scholarships Office on 15 April in the year of the award.


Notes

I. For the purpose of this Scholarship, academic merit is assessed as a Scholarships GPA or GPE obtained over the applicant’s most recent two years of full-time graded study (or equivalent).

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

III. Recipients of an Aspinall Scholarship will be required to give undertakings that they will comply with the regulations for the Scholarship and will notify the Scholarships Office of any change in their enrolment, employment or funding status. The University of Auckland may, in the event that it can be established that a recipient of an Aspinall Scholarship is not complying with these regulations, terminate the Scholarship and require repayment of the funds received from the date of the breach.