Bachelor of Design Award for Pacific Students

**Description**

The Award was established in 2019 and is funded by the Faculty of Creative Arts and Industries.

The main purpose of the Award is to encourage and support Pacific students to study Design at the University of Auckland.

**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 Bachelor of Design Award for Pacific Students.
2. Awards will be made annually, for a period of one year and will be of the value of up to $5,000 each. Recipients of the Award may reapply in subsequent years.
3. To take up and be paid the Award, the candidate must be enrolled full-time in a Bachelor of Design.
4. The Award is tenable by Pacific students who are citizens or permanent residents of New Zealand (see Note I).
5. The basis of selection will be academic achievement and a personal statement on why the candidate has chosen to study a Bachelor of Design (see Note II).
6. The Award will be made by the University of Auckland Council upon the recommendation of a Selection Committee comprising the Pro Vice-Chancellor (Pacific) (or nominee), the Programme Lead of Design (or nominee) and a member of academic staff from the Faculty of Creative Arts and Industries.
7. As a condition of tenure, recipients will be required to maintain a grade point average (GPA) of at least 5.00 (equivalent to a B average) in each semester of study (see Note III).
8. The Award will be paid in two equal instalments, in the third week of Semester One and Two.
9. The Award may not be held concurrently with a University of Auckland Top Achiever Scholarship, University of Auckland Māori Academic Excellence Scholarship, a University of Auckland Pacific Academic Excellence Scholarship.
Scholarship or a University of Auckland Academic Potential Scholarship. However, it may be held 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.

10. The University of Auckland Council has the power to terminate or suspend an award if it receives a report of unsatisfactory progress of a Scholar from the Associate Dean (Academic) of the Faculty of Creative Arts and Industries.

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

13. Applications close with the Scholarships Office on 9 March in the year of the award.

14. Notes [I]-[VI] below are deemed to be Regulations.

Notes

I. Pacific applicants are defined as citizens or permanent residents of New Zealand who are of indigenous Pacific descent from any of the following islands: Samoa, American Samoa, Tonga, Cook Islands, Niue, Tokelau, Fiji, Rotuma, Solomon Islands, Vanuatu, New Caledonia, Papua New Guinea, Kiribati, Tuvalu, Palau, Marshall Islands, Federated States of Micronesia, Wallis and Futuna, Hawaii, French Polynesia, Rapanui (Easter Island), Nauru.

II. For the purpose of this Award, academic achievement for students entering Year One is based on results at Level Two or higher in the National Certificate of Educational Achievement (NCEA) or an equivalent qualification. For students enrolled in Year Two, academic achievement is assessed as a Scholarships grade point average (GPA) or grade point equivalent (GPE) obtained over the candidate’s first year of full-time graded study. For students enrolled in Year Three, academic achievement is assessed as the GPA/GPE obtained over the most recent two years of full-time graded study (or equivalent).

III. For the purposes of this Award, the recipient’s grade point average (GPA) is based on all the courses they undertake in each semester of study.

IV. If a student enrols at another tertiary institution in New Zealand, the scholarship will lapse.

V. 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.

VI. Recipients of a Bachelor of Design Award for Pacific Students will be required to give undertakings that they will comply with the regulations for the 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 a Bachelor of Design Award for Pacific Students is not complying with these Regulations, terminate the Award and require repayment of the funds received from the date of the breach.