Brian Boyd First in Family Scholarship

**Description**

The Scholarship was established in 2020 and is funded by Distinguished Professor Brian Boyd, from his Rutherford Medal awarded by the Royal Society of New Zealand Te Apārangi in 2020, the first year humanities has been included.

The Scholarship recognises both his long association with the University of Auckland and his having been the first in his family to finish high school and continue studying. It will assist students who are the first member of their immediate family to attend university and who, because of financial hardship, may not otherwise be able to undertake a university degree.

**Selection process**

- Application is made to the Scholarships Office
- A Selection Committee assesses the applications
- Short-listed applicants may be required to attend an interview
- 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 Brian Boyd First in Family Scholarship.
2. One Scholarship of up to $8,000 will be awarded. The scholarship will cover up to four years towards the completion of an undergraduate degree including a conjoint degree (see Note I).
3. The scholarship is tenable by students who are citizens or permanent residents of New Zealand.
4. The Scholarship may be offered to students currently in their final year at a New Zealand secondary school and intending to enrol full-time in the first year of an undergraduate degree programme at the University of Auckland in the following year.
5. The basis of selection will be academic achievement based on results at Level 2 or higher in the National Certificate of Educational Achievement (NCEA) or an equivalent qualification, and a personal statement outlining the candidate’s motivation to succeed at University and demonstrated financial hardship. The recipient must be the first
member of their family to attend a university. Short-listed applications may be required to attend an interview (see Notes II to IV).

6. 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 V).

7. The Scholarship will be awarded by the University of Auckland Council upon the recommendation of a Selection Committee comprising the Chair of the Scholarships Committee (or nominee), a representative of the Alumni Relations and Development Department and one representative of the Donors.

8. The Scholarship will be paid each year in two equal instalments in the third week of Semester One and Semester Two.

9. The Scholarship 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, 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 Scholarship.

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 Department or School in which the recipient is enrolled.

11. The University of Auckland Council is not obliged to make an award if in any year there are no candidates of sufficient merit.

12. The University of Auckland, in consultation with the Donors, has the power to amend or vary these regulations provided that there is no departure from the main purpose of the Scholarship.

13. Applications close with the Scholarships Office on 30 January of the year of the award.

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

Notes

I. The Scholarship will cover up to four years of a first undergraduate degree (including a conjoint degree).

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

III. For the purpose of this scholarship, ‘first in family’ to attend university means the first member in their family, including parents and siblings, to enrol at a university. Adoptive and step parents and siblings are considered part of the nuclear family where they have lived with the applicant for the previous five or more years.

IV. Interviews may take place via video conference.

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

VI. 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 and to assist the awardee with living costs while studying. Failure to comply with this regulation will result in the termination of the Scholarship.

VII. Recipients of a Brian Boyd First in Family 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 or funding status. The University of Auckland may, in the event that it can be established that a recipient of a Brian Boyd First in Family Scholarship is not complying with these regulations, terminate the Scholarship and require repayment of the funds received from the date of the breach.