Bruce McLaren Automotive Award

**Description**

The Award was established in 2016 and is funded by Alumni Neil Paton, Eric Tracey and Rob Whitehouse in honour of Bruce McLaren, and with additional funding in 2017 from Sir Colin Giltrap.

The main purpose of the Award is to provide an international experience of up to eight weeks for a University of Auckland Engineering student to travel to the United Kingdom and spend time at the McLaren Technology Centre in Woking, England. The recipient will participate in a study and research placement.

**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 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 Bruce McLaren Automotive Award.
2. One Award will be made annually and will cover return economy class airfares from New Zealand to England, accommodation, domestic travel, living expenses and the cost of the appropriate visitor’s visa, up to the value of $15,000. Travel will be undertaken between late December and late February (see Note I).
3. To be eligible for Award consideration, applicants must i) be enrolled full-time in Part II or III of a Bachelor of Engineering (Honours) (BE(Hons)) and ii) have an interest in automotive engineering. A grade point average (GPA) or grade point equivalent (GPE) of at least 6.00 (5.50 for Māori or Pacific applicants) is required for Award consideration.
4. The basis of selection will be academic merit (see Note II), the applicant’s demonstrated interest in automotive engineering, leadership and communication skills, and their participation in extra-curricular activities, as assessed by a personal statement and performance in an interview. Short-listed applicants may be required to attend an interview.
5. The Award will be made by the University of Auckland Council on the recommendation of a Selection Committee.
comprising the Dean of the Faculty of Engineering (or nominee), the Head of the Department of Mechanical Engineering (or nominee) and one representative of McLaren Automotive (or nominee).

6. To be paid the Award, the awardee must be enrolled full-time in Part II or Part III of a BE(Hons).

7. The Award will be paid in one lump instalment upon confirmation of travel plans (see Note I).

8. The Award may not be held concurrently with any other scholarship that offers a summer internship opportunity. However, it 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 awardee 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 it is determined that there is no candidate that meets the criteria and/or no candidate of sufficient merit.

10. The University of Auckland can amend or vary these Regulations, in consultation with the Donor, provided that there is no departure from the main purpose of the Award.

11. Applications close with the Scholarships Office on 9 July in the year of the award.

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

Notes

I. Travel is subject to COVID-19 related restrictions on international travel, including University of Auckland COVID-19 policies for student travel and United Kingdom government visa policies, local business conditions and restrictions. Should it not be possible for the awardee to travel to England in 2021/2022, the internship may be deferred until 2022/2023.

II. The awardee will be required to sign a confidentiality agreement with the Bruce McLaren Technology Centre before commencing their placement.

III. The awardee will be required to present a brief report to the Faculty of Engineering about their experience within 4 weeks of their return to New Zealand.

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

V. Awardees 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 an awardee is not complying with these regulations, terminate the Award and require repayment of the funds received.