Bruce McLaren Racing Award

Description

The Award was established in 2022 with the support of McLaren Racing, generous donors and the Faculty of Engineering.

The main purpose of the Award is to provide an international experience of up to twelve weeks for a Waipapa Taumata Rau | University of Auckland Bachelor of Engineering (Honours) student to participate in a study and research placement with McLaren Racing based at the McLaren Technology Centre in Woking, England.

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 Award will be known as the Bruce McLaren Racing 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 $20,000. Travel will be undertaken between early December and late February.
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 Racing (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) (see Note I).

7. The Award will be paid in one lump instalment upon confirmation of travel plans.

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. Waipapa Taumata Rau | 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 17 August 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 and other restrictions on international travel, including University of Auckland COVID-19 and other relevant policies for student travel, and United Kingdom government visa and other policies, local business conditions and restrictions. Should it not be possible for the awardee to travel to England in the year of the award, the placement may be deferred until the year following the year of the award.

II. The awardee will be required to sign a confidentiality agreement with McLaren Racing Ltd before commencing their placement.

III. The awardee will be required to present a brief report to the Faculty of Engineering about their experience within four 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 undertaking the placement. Failure to comply with this regulation will result in the termination of the Award.

V. Awardees will be required to comply with the regulations for the Award and must notify the Scholarships Office of any change in their enrolment, travel or funding status. Waipapa Taumata Rau | 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.

VI. These regulations are subject to Senate and Council approval.