Dame Charmian J. O’Connor Award in Chemistry

**Description**

The Award was established in 2008 by an endowment gift from Emeritus Professor Dame Charmian J. O’Connor.

The main purpose of the Award is to contribute towards tuition expenses for women students who have demonstrated academic excellence in chemistry prior to their second year of undergraduate study.

**Selection process**

- Nomination is made to the Scholarships Office
- The Award is made by the University of Auckland Council on the recommendation of the Head of the School of Chemical Sciences

**Regulations**

1. The Award shall be known as the Dame Charmian J. O’Connor Award in Chemistry.
2. One Award will be made annually, for a period of one year, and will be of the value of $1,000.
3. The Award will be made to an academically gifted woman student, who has paid the fees, or arranged to pay the fees, for full-time enrolment in Stage II Chemistry courses in a Bachelor of Science degree (or conjoint degree) or Bachelor of Advanced Science degree at the University of Auckland.
4. The basis of selection will be academic merit and commitment to the study of Chemistry, usually as evidenced by best overall performance in Stage I Chemistry courses CHEM 110 Chemistry of the Living World and CHEM 120 Chemistry of the Material World, and the level of enrolment in Stage II Chemistry courses. As a minimum standard, the student must have achieved at least an A- grade in CHEM 110 and CHEM 120.
5. The Award is tenable by a student who is a New Zealand citizen or permanent resident of New Zealand.
6. The Award may be held with another scholarship, award or grant as long as the terms of that scholarship, award or grant permit and the University of Auckland Council is informed and approves.
7. The Award will be paid as a contribution towards compulsory tuition fees in Semester One. If the recipient’s full fees have already been covered by another approved scholarship, award or grant, the value of the Dame Charmian J O’Connor Award in Chemistry may be paid out in one lump sum to assist the recipient with living costs.
8. The Award will be made by the University of Auckland Council upon the recommendation of the Head of the School of Chemical Sciences (or nominee).

9. The University of Auckland Council, in consultation with the Donor, has the power to terminate or suspend an Award if it receives a report of unsatisfactory progress of a Scholar from the Head of the School of Chemical Sciences.

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

11. The University of Auckland 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 Award.