David and Dian Ross Undergraduate Scholarship

**Description**

The Scholarship was established in 2019 and is funded by David and Dian Ross, who are both alumni of the University of Auckland.

The main purpose of the Scholarship is to support school-leavers enrolling in the first year of a Bachelor of Arts conjoint degree who have the potential and drive to follow their passion and achieve academically, but 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
- 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 David and Dian Ross Undergraduate Scholarship.
2. Three Scholarships will be awarded annually, for a period of up to five years depending on the duration of the programme in which the student is enrolled, and will be of the value of $10,000 per annum each (see Regulation 7 and Note I).
3. The Scholarship may be offered to students who are citizens or permanent residents of New Zealand, currently in their final year at a New Zealand secondary school and intending to enrol full-time in a Bachelor of Arts (BA) conjoint programme in the Faculty of Arts at the University of Auckland in the following year (See Note II).
4. The basis of selection will be academic merit based on results at Level 2 or higher in the National Certificate of Educational Achievement (NCEA) or an equivalent qualification and financial need (see Note IV).
5. The Scholarship will be awarded by the University of Auckland Council upon the recommendation of a Selection Committee comprising the Dean of the Faculty of Arts (or nominee), the Associate Dean (Students) of the Faculty of Arts (or nominee) and a representative of the donors.
6. To take up and be paid the Scholarship, recipients must achieve admission to the University of Auckland with an
NCEA rank score of at least 270, a CIE rank score of 330 or an IB score of 36, which are equivalent to a University of Auckland grade point equivalent (GPE) of 6.00, and have paid the fees, or arranged to pay the fees, for full-time enrolment in a BA conjoint degree in the Faculty of Arts.

7. The Scholarship will be paid as a $5,000 contribution towards compulsory tuition fees, and $5,000 in two equal lump sums in the third week of Semesters One and Two each year for the duration of the BA conjoint programme. If the recipient’s fees have already been covered by any fee paying scheme, scholarship or award, the full annual value of the David and Dian Ross Undergraduate Scholarship may be paid in two equal lump sums in Semesters One and Two (see Notes I and III).

8. As a condition of tenure, recipients will be required to maintain a grade point average (GPA) of at least 6.00 (equivalent to a B+ average) in each semester of study (see Note V).

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 a) the terms of that scholarship, award or grant permit and b) the University of Auckland Council is informed and approves. It is the responsibility of the recipient to declare to the Scholarships Office all other grant, award or scholarship funding received while 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 Dean of the Faculty of Arts.

11. The University of Auckland Council is not obliged to make an award if in any year there are not candidates of sufficient merit.

12. The University of Auckland, in consultation with the donor, 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 1 November of the year preceding the award.

Notes

I. An additional year of funding may be available to students who enrol in a Graduate Diploma in Teaching following the completion of their Bachelor of Arts conjoint degree.

II. Eligible conjoint programmes are: Bachelor of Advanced Science (Honours)/Bachelor of Arts; Bachelor of Arts/Bachelor of Commerce; Bachelor of Arts/Bachelor of Design; Bachelor of Arts/Bachelor of Engineering (Honours); Bachelor of Arts/Bachelor of Fine Arts; Bachelor of Arts/Bachelor of Fine Arts (Honours); Bachelor of Arts/Bachelor of Global Studies; Bachelor of Arts/Bachelor of Health Sciences; Bachelor of Arts/Bachelor of Laws; Bachelor of Arts/Bachelor of Music; Bachelor of Arts/Bachelor of Science.

III. Tuition/Compulsory fees are only those related to the relevant programme of study, plus Student Services Fee.

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

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. Except in cases where there are compelling medical reasons or adverse personal circumstances beyond a student’s control, the uptake of scholarships cannot be deferred. Students who are offered a David and Dian Ross Undergraduate Scholarship but who do not take it up in the year of offer may request that their application be reconsidered in the intake of applications for the year immediately following.

VII. Recipients must be enrolled continuously in their programme of study. Deferrals for students who have already commenced their degree will not usually be approved unless there are compelling medical or adverse personal circumstances beyond the student’s control.

VIII. Deferral requests must be made in writing to the Scholarships Office.

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

X. 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. Failure to comply with this regulation will result in the termination of the scholarship.

XI. Recipients of a David and Dian Ross Undergraduate 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 David and Dian Ross Undergraduate Scholarship is not complying with these regulations, terminate the Scholarship and require repayment of the funds received from the date of the breach.