Elizabeth Ewing Memorial Scholarship in Adolescent and Young Adult Health

**Description**

The Scholarship was established in 2012 and is financed by the family and friends of Elizabeth Ewing.

The main purpose of the Scholarship is to encourage, support and promote academically able students to undertake postgraduate research with a focus on adolescent and young adult (AYA) patients with a diagnosis of a life threatening illness such as cancer and the impact that living with chronic illness and complex needs may have on the lived experience (psychosocial wellbeing) of AYA patients and their families.

**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 Elizabeth Ewing Memorial Scholarship in Adolescent and Young Adult Health.
2. One Scholarship will be awarded annually, for a period of one year of equivalent full-time study, and will be of the value of $5,000.
3. The Scholarship will be awarded to a candidate who has enrolled full-time or part-time in an Honours, Masters or Doctoral degree. Candidates may apply from a range of disciplines including (but not limited to) Health Science, Nursing, Psychology, Sociology, Medical Statistics and Anthropology.
4. The Scholarship is tenable by students who are citizens or permanent residents of New Zealand.
5. Selection will be based on academic merit, the nature and quality of the proposed research and the applicant’s potential to contribute to improving the lived experience (psychosocial issues) of adolescents and young adults (AYA)
with chronic illness & complex needs, such as with cancer or a blood disorder. Successful candidates will have a minimum grade point average (GPA) or grade point equivalent (GPE) of 6.00 (see Notes I-II).

6. The Scholarship will be awarded by the University of Auckland Council on the decision of a selection committee comprising a representative from Elizabeth Ewing’s family, the Associate Deans (or their nominees) of the Faculties of Medical and Health Sciences, Science and Arts, and a senior lecturer in Youth Health appointed by the Associate Deans.

7. The Scholarship will be paid in two instalments: one in the first semester, and one in the second semester.

8. In consultation with the Donor, the University of Auckland Council 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 in which the recipient is enrolled.

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

10. 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.

11. Applications close with the Scholarships Office on 3 May in the year of the award.

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

**Notes**

I. For the purpose of this Scholarship, academic merit is assessed as a Scholarships GPA or GPE obtained over the applicant’s most recent two years of full-time graded study.

II. For the purposes of this Scholarship and ease of application, the age range for adolescent and young adult health (AYA) is defined as 12-25/30 years.