Ellen Castle Undergraduate Scholarship in the Schools of Humanities and Social Sciences

**Description**

The purpose of the Scholarship is to assist school leavers from decile 1-3 schools who have the potential to succeed at University and require financial assistance to undertake a Bachelor of Arts in the Schools of Humanities and/or Social Sciences at the University of Auckland. The Scholarship was established in 2014.

**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 Ellen Castle Undergraduate Scholarship in the Schools of Humanities and Social Sciences.
2. One Scholarship will be awarded annually, for a period of up to three years, and will be of the value of up to $5,000 per annum.
3. To take up and be paid the Scholarship the recipient must achieve admission to the University of Auckland with an NCEA rank score of at least 220, a CIE rank score of at least 260 or an IB score of at least 29, which are equivalent to a University of Auckland grade point equivalent (GPE) of 4.00, and have paid the fees, or arranged to pay the fees, for full-time enrolment in a Bachelor of Arts, majoring in a disciplinary area or areas in the Schools of Humanities and/or the Social Sciences (see Notes I, II and III).
4. The Scholarship is tenable by students who are citizens or permanent residents of New Zealand and who are in Year 13 at a decile 1-3 New Zealand secondary school at the time of application.
5. 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, demonstrated financial need and an interest in the...
Humanities and/or Social Sciences (see Notes IV).
6. The Scholarship will be awarded by the University of Auckland Council on the recommendation of a Selection Committee comprising the Dean of the Faculty of Arts (or nominee), the Pro Vice-Chancellor (Equity) (or nominee) and one member of Academic Staff from the School of Humanities or School of Social Sciences, as appointed by the Dean of the Faculty of Arts.
7. The Scholarship will be paid in two instalments each year, in the third week of Semesters One and Semester Two.
8. To take up and to maintain the Scholarship the recipient must attain a GPE or GPA of at least 3.00 (equivalent to a C+ average) each semester (see Notes V and VI).
9. The Scholarship may not be held concurrently with a University of Auckland Top Achiever Scholarship, University of Auckland Māori Academic Excellence Scholarship, University of Auckland Pacific Academic Excellence Scholarship, or University of Auckland Academic Potential Scholarship - School Leavers but 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.
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 is no candidate of sufficient merit.
12. The University of Auckland Council 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 Scholarship.
13. Applications close with the Scholarships Office on 31 January in the year of the award.
14. Notes [I]-[IX] below are deemed to be regulations.

Notes

I. Students enrolled in conjoint degree programmes are not eligible to apply for this Scholarship.
II. The School of Humanities means the disciplinary areas of: Art History and Museums, and Cultural Heritage; Classical Studies and Ancient History, Greek and Latin; English and Drama; History; Philosophy; and Theological and Religious Studies.
III. The School of Social Sciences means the disciplinary areas of: Anthropology; Communication, Media, Film and Television, and Screen Production; Conflict and Terrorism Studies, Politics and International Relations, and Public Policy; Development Studies; Criminology, Gender Studies and Sociology.
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 a recipients’ grade point average (GPA) is based on all the courses undertaken in each semester of study.
VI. 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 personal circumstances. Any deferral requests must be applied for in writing to the Scholarships Office.
VII. If a student enrols at another tertiary institution in New Zealand, the Scholarship will lapse.
VIII. 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.
IX. Recipients of an Ellen Castle Undergraduate Scholarship in the Schools of Humanities and Social Sciences 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 an Ellen Castle Undergraduate Scholarship in the Schools of Humanities and Social Sciences is not complying with these regulations, terminate the Scholarship and require repayment of the funds received from the date of the breach.