

Faculty of Education and Social Work Start Smart Merit Scholarship

Code:	670A
Faculty:	Education and Social Work
Applicable study:	Full-time study in first year of an undergraduate degree or undergraduate conjoint degree in the Faculty of Education and Social Work
Closing date:	1 February 2023 and 17 October 2023
Tenure:	One year
For:	Assistance
Number on offer:	Up to 20
Offer rate:	Annually
Value:	Up to \$2,500 each

Description

The Scholarship was established in 2011 and is financed by the Faculty of Education and Social Work.

The main purpose of the Scholarship is to support and encourage excellence of students entering their first year of an undergraduate degree in the Faculty of Education and Social Work, at Waipapa Taumata Rau | University of Auckland.

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 shall be known as the Faculty of Education and Social Work Start Smart Merit Scholarship.
2. Up to twenty Scholarships will be awarded annually, each for a period of one year and will be of the value of up to \$2,500 per annum each.
3. To be eligible for Scholarship consideration, an applicant must be i) a Citizen or Permanent resident of New Zealand, and ii) be enrolled, or intending to enrol, full-time in the first year of an undergraduate degree or undergraduate conjoint degree in the Faculty of Education and Social Work at Waipapa Taumata Rau | University of Auckland.
4. The basis of selection will be demonstrated academic excellence based on Level 2 or higher in the National Certificate of Educational Achievement (NCEA) or an equivalent qualification for school leavers; results of the most recent year of tertiary education for applicants who have completed study at another institution; results from a Foundation Programme; or education and training background for students being considered for entry to the university under Special Admission, and the applicant's personal achievements and all round ability as assessed by a personal statement.

5. 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 Education and Social Work (or nominee) and two additional members of academic staff from the Faculty of Education and Social Work nominated by the Dean.
6. To be paid the Scholarship, awardees must i) have met programme entry selection criteria, including University Entrance, and the requirements of the Teaching Council of Aotearoa New Zealand or the New Zealand Social Workers Registration Board, ii) be enrolled full-time in an undergraduate degree or undergraduate conjoint degree in the Faculty of Education and Social Work (see Notes I and II).
7. The Scholarship will be paid in two equal instalments in Semester One and Two, as soon as is practical after confirmation of the awardee's enrolment (that is, after the final date on which a student may add or delete courses without incurring a late enrolment fee).
8. The Scholarship may not be held concurrently with the Faculty of Education and Social Work Start Smart City of Sails Scholarship. 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 and grant funding received and for which the awardee receives payment while also in payment for this Scholarship.
9. 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 Education and Social Work.
10. The University of Auckland Council is not obliged to make an award if it is determined there is no candidate that meets the criteria and/or no candidate of sufficient merit.
11. The University of Auckland Council can amend or vary these Regulations provided that there is no departure from the main purpose of the Scholarship.
12. Applications close with the Scholarships Office on 1 February in the year of the award and 17 October in the year preceding the award.
13. Notes [I]-[IV] below are deemed to be regulations.

Notes

- I. If an awardee enrolls at another tertiary institution in New Zealand or overseas, the Scholarship will lapse.*
- II. If an awardee changes academic programme following the award of the Scholarship, either before or after the first instalment has been paid, and is no longer enrolled in an undergraduate degree or undergraduate conjoint degree programme based in the Faculty of Education and Social Work, the Scholarship will lapse.*
- III. 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 and/or to assist the awardee with living costs while studying. Failure to comply with this regulation will result in the termination of the Scholarship.*
- IV. Awardees will be required to comply with the regulations for the Scholarship and must notify the Scholarships Office of any change in their enrolment 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 Scholarship and require repayment of the funds received from the date of the breach.*