

Faculty of Science Student Support Award

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| Code: | 642 |
| Faculty: | Science |
| Applicable study: | Undergraduate or Postgraduate study in the Faculty of Science |
| Closing date: | 22 March 2023 and 15 August 2023 |
| Tenure: | One year |
| For: | Assistance |
| Number on offer: | Varies |
| Offer rate: | Biannually |
| Value: | Up to \$2,500 each |

Description

The Award was established in 2010 and is funded by the Science Student Support fund.

The main purpose of the Award is to ensure a greater number of talented and deserving students experiencing financial hardship have the opportunity to fulfil their academic goals of undergraduate or postgraduate study, and in 2017 the Award was updated to allow a greater number of students to benefit from this support.

Selection process

- Application is made to the Scholarships Office
- A Selection Committee assesses the applications
- The Award is made by the University of Auckland Council on the recommendation of the Selection Committee

Regulations

1. The Award shall be known as the Faculty of Science Student Support Award.
2. Awards will be made biannually, each for a period of up to one year, and will be of the value of up to \$2,500 each. A recipient of the Award may reapply in subsequent years (see Note I).
3. To be eligible for Award consideration, applicants must be enrolled full-time or part-time in undergraduate or postgraduate study in the Faculty of Science.
4. The Award is tenable by domestic and international students.
5. The basis of selection will be academic achievement (see Notes II to III) and financial hardship as assessed by a personal statement and the criteria at Note IV.
6. The Award will be made by the University of Auckland Council upon the recommendation of a Selection Committee comprising the Dean of the Faculty of Science (or nominee), the Associate Dean (Academic) of the Faculty of Science (or nominee), and one other academic staff member of the Faculty of Science nominated by the Dean.
7. The Award will be paid in one lump sum upon award.
8. The Award may be held 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 or grant funding received and for which the awardee receives payment while also in payment for this Award.

9. 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.
10. The University of Auckland Council can amend or vary these regulations, provided here is no departure from the main purpose of the Award.
11. Applications close with the Scholarships Office on 22 March and 15 August in the year of the award.
12. Notes [I]-[VI] below are deemed to be regulations.

Notes

- I. The Award may be held once per year.*
- II. For the purposes of this Award, academic achievement for students enrolled in the first year of an undergraduate degree will be assessed as the Admissions grade point equivalent (GPE). Academic achievement for students enrolled in the second year of an undergraduate degree will be assessed as the grade point average (GPA) obtained over the first year of study. Academic achievement for students enrolled in the third or subsequent year of an undergraduate degree will be assessed as a Scholarships GPA or GPE obtained over the applicant's most recent two years of full-time graded study (or equivalent). Academic achievement for students enrolled in a postgraduate programme or Graduate Diploma in Science will be assessed as the GPA/GPE calculated over the most recent qualifying programme.*
- III. The most recent qualifying programme is defined as the most recently completed programme of study that qualifies the applicant for entry to the postgraduate programme for which they are applying.*
- IV. Financial hardship will be determined by a range of factors including eligibility for a StudyLink Student Allowance, and personal and financial circumstances. Applicants need to demonstrate that they are experiencing financial hardship, and that they are struggling to meet basic living costs. Incurring debt is not evidence of financial hardship.*
- V. Payments under the terms of this Award 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 Award.*
- VI. Awardees will be required to comply with the regulations for the Award 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 Award and require repayment of the funds received.*