Faculty of Science Student Support Awards

**Description**

The Awards were established in 2010 and are funded by the Science Student Support fund.

The main purpose of the Awards 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 awards were updated to allow a greater number students to benefit from this support.

**Selection process**

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

**Regulations**

1. The Awards shall be known as the Faculty of Science Student Support Awards.
2. Four or more Awards will be made, each for a period of one year, and will be of the value of up to $2,500 each. A recipient of the Award may reapply in subsequent years.
3. The Awards will be tenable to students who have paid the fees, or arranged to pay the fees, for full-time or part-time enrolment in undergraduate or postgraduate study in the Faculty of Science.
4. The Awards are tenable by domestic and international students.
5. The basis of selection will be financial hardship and academic merit (a minimum GPA of 3.00 (equivalent to a C+ average) is required over the last 2 years of full-time study or equivalent (see Notes I-II).
6. The Awards 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) (or nominee), and one other academic staff member of the Faculty of Science.
7. The Awards will be paid as a lump sum upon award.
8. The Award 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.
9. The University of Auckland Council has the power to terminate or suspend an Award if it receives an unsatisfactory report on the progress of a Scholar from the Associate Dean (Academic) of the Faculty of Science.

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

11. The University of Auckland has the power to amend or vary these regulations, provided here is no departure from the main purpose of the Award.

12. Applications by way of a form close with the Scholarships Office on 19 March and 28 August in the year of the award.

13. Notes [I]-[III] below are deemed to be regulations.

Notes

I. For the purposes of these Awards, academic merit is assessed as a Scholarships GPA or GPE obtained over the applicant’s most recent two years of full-time graded study (or equivalent).

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

III. Payments under the terms of these awards 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 award.