Foveran Scholarship

Code: 602  
Faculty: Arts  
Applicable study: Postgraduate Diploma, Honours, Masters or PhD degree Theology and Religious Studies or an equivalent postgraduate qualification at an approved overseas theological institution  
Closing date: 30 June  
Tenure: 1 year  
For: Assistance, tuition fees, course related or research costs, travel grant, overseas study  
Number on offer: Varies  
Offer rate: Annually  
Value: Up to $20,000

Description

The Scholarship was established in 2009 and is funded by a retired University of Auckland staff member.

The purpose of this Scholarship is to enable students who have obtained a degree in Theology from the University of Auckland or another approved theological institution to enrol in postgraduate study at the University of Auckland or an approved overseas theological institution, and thus accept opportunities which they might not otherwise be able to undertake.

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 Foveran Scholarship.  
2. One or more Scholarships will be awarded annually, each for a period of one year, and each will provide a tax-free payment of up to $20,000, depending on the number of winners in any one year. Recipients may reapply for the Scholarship in subsequent years.  
3. To take up the Scholarship the recipient must enrol full or part-time in a Postgraduate Diploma or an Honours, Masters or PhD degree in the discipline of Theology and Religious Studies at the University of Auckland, or an equivalent postgraduate qualification at another recognised theological institution approved by the Discipline Convenor of the disciplinary area of Theology and Religious Studies. Payments to part-time students will be pro-rated.  
4. The Scholarship is tenable by students who are citizens or permanent residents of New Zealand.  
5. The basis of selection will be academic merit as assessed by the grade point average (GPA) or grade point equivalent (GPE) calculated over the most recent qualifying programme, financial need and the nature of the
proposed postgraduate study. Successful candidates will have a minimum GPA/GPE of 7.00 (6.50 for Māori and Pacific candidates) (see Note I).

6. The Scholarship will be awarded by the University of Auckland Council upon the recommendation of a Selection Committee comprising the Dean of the Faculty of Arts (or nominee), the Deputy Head (Academic) of the School of Humanities (or nominee) and the Discipline Convenor of the disciplinary area of Theology and Religious Studies (or nominee).

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

8. The Scholarship may be concurrently 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. A Scholarship will automatically cease to be available to a student who, through withdrawal or failure to meet any programme requirements, is no longer pursuing or is no longer eligible to pursue the programme of study for which the Scholarship has been offered.

10. The University of Auckland Council, in consultation with the Donor, has the power to terminate or suspend a Scholarship if it receives an unsatisfactory report on the progress of a Scholar from the Head of Theology and Religious Studies.

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 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 30 June in the year of the award.

14. Notes [I]-[VI] below are deemed to be regulations.

Notes

I. The most recent qualifying programme is defined as the most recently completed programme of study that qualifies the applicant for entry to the programme for which they are applying. Where the qualifying programme is a conjoint programme the GPA/GPE will be calculated over the entirety of the conjoint programme. The maximum approved exchange or transfer credit that can be excluded from the GPA/GPE calculation for the qualifying programme is 60 points. Where the most recently completed qualifying programme is a Transitional Certificate, the qualifying programme is the Transitional Certificate and the most recently completed prior degree.

II. Financial need will be determined by a range of factors including past or current eligibility for a StudyLink Student Allowance and personal and financial circumstances.

III. In making a recommendation for this scholarship the selection committee shall take into account other scholarships, bursaries and awards held by the candidates, with a view to achieving a fair distribution of monies among qualifying candidates.

IV. Students applying for postgraduate study at the University of Auckland and who are past graduates or current students of Knox Centre for Ministry Leadership, Dunedin or Laidlaw College in Henderson, Auckland are also welcome to apply.

V. Foveran is the small Scottish village from which the Donor’s ancestors migrated to New Zealand early in the 19th century. Subsequently the name was adopted for the family farm in New Zealand.