Frank and Doreen Jones Scholarship

**Description**

The Scholarship was established in 2021 and is funded by the estate of Frank and Doreen Jones. The main purpose of the Scholarship is to assist students who have achieved academically, but who are experiencing hardships or who may have been disadvantaged due to their personal circumstances.

**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 Frank and Doreen Jones Scholarship.
2. One Scholarship will be awarded annually, for a period of up to one year, and will be of the value of up to $10,000. Payments to part-time students may be pro-rated. Recipients of the Scholarship may reapply in subsequent years.
3. The Scholarship may be offered to international or domestic students intending to enrol full-time or part-time in the second or subsequent year of an undergraduate degree at the University of Auckland.
4. The basis of selection will be academic achievement. The personal circumstances of candidates will also be taken into consideration including: demonstrated financial need, the decile of the most recent secondary school or kura attended, Māori or Pacific students, students who are the first in their family to attend university, students from a refugee background, students with disabilities, students who reside in a rural area. A grade point average (GPA) or grade point equivalent (GPE) of at least 3.50 is required for consideration for the Scholarship (see Notes I to VI).
5. The Scholarship will be awarded by the University of Auckland Council upon the recommendation of a Selection Committee comprising the Pro Vice-Chancellor (Equity) (or nominee), the Chair of Scholarships Committee (or nominee), and a representative of Alumni Relations and Development.
6. The Scholarship will be paid in two equal lump sums, the first in the third week of Semester One and the second in the third week of Semester Two. Payments to part-time students may be pro-rated. To be paid the second
instalment, recipients will be required to achieve a grade point average (GPA) of at least 3.50 in Semester One (see Note VI).

7. The Scholarship may not be held concurrently with a University of Auckland Top Achiever Scholarship, University of Auckland Māori Academic Excellence Scholarship, a University of Auckland Pacific Academic Excellence Scholarship or a University of Auckland Academic Potential Scholarship. However, it 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 recipient 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 Scholarship.

8. 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 relevant Head of School or Department.

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

10. The University of Auckland, in consultation with the donor, has the power to amend or vary these regulations provided that there is no departure from the main purpose of the Scholarship.

11. Applications close with the Scholarships Office on 5 July in the year of the award.

12. Notes [I]-[IX] below are deemed to be Regulations.

Notes

I. For the purposes of this Scholarship, academic achievement for students entering their second year will be assessed as a Scholarships GPA/GPE obtained over the candidate’s first year of full-time, or equivalent if part-time, graded study. For students entering their third or subsequent years, academic achievement is assessed as a Scholarships GPA or GPE obtained over the candidate’s most recent two years of full-time, or equivalent if part-time, graded study.

II. Financial need will be determined by a range of factors including eligibility for a StudyLink Student Allowance, and personal financial circumstances. Candidates need to demonstrate that they are experiencing financial hardship and that they are struggling to meet basic living costs. Incurred debt is not evidence of financial hardship.

III. For the purpose of this Scholarship, ‘first in family’ to attend university means the first member in their family, including parents and siblings, to enrol at a university. Adoptive and step parents and siblings are considered part of the nuclear family where they have lived with the applicant for the previous five or more years.

IV. Refugee background refers to students who have themselves or whose parents/primary guardian(s) have been granted refuge in New Zealand.

V. Student Disability Services supports students with both visible and invisible impairments including: blind and low vision, Deaf and hearing impaired, head injury, ongoing medical conditions, diagnosed mental health conditions, physical/mobility impairments, speech impairments, Autism Spectrum Disorder, specific learning disabilities (e.g. dyslexia, dyspraxia, dyscalculia).

VI. For the purpose of this Scholarship, a rural area is defined as an area outside the local authority boundaries of city councils in Auckland, Hamilton, Tauranga, Wellington, Porirua, Lower Hutt, Upper Hutt, Christchurch, and Dunedin.

VII. For the purposes of this Scholarship, the recipient’s GPA is based on all the courses they undertake in each semester of study. A GPA of 3.50 is equivalent to between a C+ and B- average.

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 and to assist the awardee with living costs while studying. Failure to comply with this regulation will result in the termination of the scholarship.

IX. Recipients of a Frank and Doreen Jones Scholarship 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 a Frank and Doreen Jones Scholarship is not complying with these Regulations, terminate the Scholarship and require repayment of the
funds received from the date of the breach.

X. These regulations are subject to Senate and Council approval.