Friends of the University of Auckland US/NZ Exchange Award

**Description**

The Award was established in 2013 and is funded by Friends of the University of Auckland (US). The main purpose of the Award is to encourage academic exchanges between New Zealand and the United States of America.

**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 Friends of the University of Auckland US/NZ Exchange Award.

2. Up to six Awards will be awarded annually, each for a period of one year, and will be of a value from $1,000 to $3,000 NZD depending on funding availability. Up to three Awards will be available to outbound students, and up to three for inbound students, depending on the funding and quality of the applicants.

3. The Inbound Award is tenable by students who are US citizens or permanent residents and who have paid the fees, or arranged to pay the fees, for full-time enrolment in a University of Auckland degree or Certificate of Proficiency (COPOS or COPEX). The Outbound Award is tenable by students who have completed or working towards completion of the academic requirements of an undergraduate or postgraduate degree at the University of Auckland (and may or may not have graduated) by the closing date and who are citizens or permanent residents of New Zealand and who have been offered postgraduate or undergraduate enrolment at a US university of at least equal standing to the University of Auckland (See Note I).

4. The basis of selection will be: i) academic merit with a GPA of not less than a US GPA of 3.7 (where 4 is an “A”) or a NZ GPA of 7.4 (where 8 is an “A”); ii) the applicant’s personal qualities, as outlined in their personal statement.
5. The Awards will be made by the University of Auckland Council upon the recommendation of a Selection Committee comprising the Director of the International Office (or nominee), the Director of Alumni Relations and Development (or nominee) and one representative of the Friends of the University of Auckland (US).

6. The Award will be paid in one lump sum (see Note III).

7. The Award may be held concurrently 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.

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

9. 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 Award.

10. Applications close with the Scholarships Office on 1 May for students enrolling in Semester Two of the current year at the University of Auckland or US fall semester and 1 November for students enrolling in Semester One of the following year at the University of Auckland or US winter/spring semester.

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

Notes

I. The standing of the US institution will be assessed by reference to current well-recognised university ranking tables (such as The Times Higher Education Supplement World University Rankings).

II. Successful awardees will be required to provide a one page account of their activities to the Scholarships Office a year after receiving the award.

III. Recipients of an Outbound Award must use the funds towards tuition fees or other course related expenses.