James Bertram Scholarship for Asia

Code: 820  
Faculty: All  
Applicable study: Postgraduate study that broadens the applicant’s understanding and engagement with Asia (see Note I)  
Closing date: 30 June and 19 November  
Tenure: One year  
For: Assistance  
Number on offer: Up to five  
Offer rate: Bi-annually  
Value: Up to $50,000  

Description

The Scholarship was established in 2015 and is funded by the Wigram Foundation. The Scholarship was established in memory of James Bertram, who was born in 1910 and went on to become a Rhodes Scholar, journalist, writer, relief worker, prisoner of war and a Professor of English.

The main purpose of the Scholarships is to support postgraduate students studying at, or intending to study at, the University of Auckland and enable them to undertake study with a focus on Asia. The intention of the Scholarship is to facilitate a strong engagement with Asia. Funding can support a wide range of activities including field work, skills enhancement relevant to the project and research expenses.

Selection process

- Application is made to the Scholarships Office  
- A Selection Committee assesses the applications  
- Short-listed candidates may be required to attend an interview  
- The Scholarship will be awarded by the University of Auckland Council on the recommendation of the Selection Committee

Regulations

1. The Scholarship shall be known as the James Bertram Scholarship for Asia.  
2. Scholarships will be awarded bi-annually. The tenure and value of each Scholarship will be determined by the Selection Committee but will be of a value between $1,000 to $50,000 (see Note II).  
3. To take up and be paid the Scholarship, candidates must be enrolled and have paid the fees, or arranged to pay the fees, for full-time enrolment in a PhD or another postgraduate programme which includes 30 or more points of research in an area of study that broadens their understanding and engagement with Asia (see Note I).  
4. The Scholarship is tenable by students who are citizens or permanent residents of New Zealand (see Note III).  
5. The basis of selection will be academic merit and demonstrated ability, the applicant’s proposed course of study and
their potential to contribute to society in their chosen field. Successful candidates will have a grade point average (GPA) or grade point equivalent (GPE) of at least 6.00 (see Note IV). Consideration will be given to applicants who are under the age of 30 at the time of application.

6. The Scholarship will be awarded by the University of Auckland Council upon the recommendation of a Selection Committee comprising the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic) (or nominee), the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Strategic Engagement) (or nominee), and three representatives of the Donor.

7. The Scholarship will be paid in one instalment in the year of the award.

8. The Scholarship 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.

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 Council 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 Scholarships.

11. Applications close with the Scholarships Office on 30 June in the year of the award and 19 November in the year preceding the award.

12. Notes [I]-[V] below are deemed to be regulations.

Notes

I. Applicants undertaking study in Japan or Korea are not eligible to apply for this Scholarship.

II. The value of each Scholarship will be based on the recipient’s level, length and type of study.

III. Residents of New Zealand of less than five years standing may not use the funding for research in their country of origin.

IV. For the purpose of this Scholarship, 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).

V. At the completion of their Scholarship tenure, recipients will be required to submit a report to the Scholarships Office outlining the research outcomes and the impact the Scholarship had, which will be provided to the Wigram Foundation.