James LeGallais New Start Award

**Description**

The Award was established in 2019 by Sean Joyce and Danielle LeGallais, and is named after their son, James LeGallais.

The main purpose of the Award is to assist male students enrolled in the New Start Programme at the University of Auckland.

**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 will be known as the James LeGallais New Start Award.
2. Two Awards will be made annually, each of the value of up to $700, paid as a contribution towards compulsory tuition fees (see Regulation 7).
3. To take up and be paid the award, the candidate must have enrolled in the New Start Programme at the University of Auckland.
4. The Award is tenable by male students who are citizens or permanent residents of New Zealand.
5. The basis of selection will be financial need and a personal statement outlining the applicant's reasons for enrolling in the New Start Programme and aspirations for future study at the University of Auckland (see Note I).
6. The Award will be made by the University of Auckland Council upon the recommendation of a Selection Committee comprising the New Start Programme Manager (or nominee), the Programme Coordinator of the Tertiary Foundation Certificate programme (or nominee) and the Pro-Vice Chancellor (Equity) (or nominee).
7. The Award will be paid as a contribution towards compulsory tuition fees in the first semester of enrolment. If the recipient’s fees have already been covered by any fee paying scheme, the Award may be paid in one lump sum in the first semester of enrolment to assist with living costs.
8. The Award may be held concurrently 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 of this Award.

9. The University of Auckland Council has the power to amend or vary these regulations provided that there is no departure from the main purpose of the Award.

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

11. Applications will close with the Scholarships Office on 3 March and 30 June in the year of the award.

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

**Notes**

I. Financial need will be determined by a range of factors including personal and financial circumstances.

II. Payments under the terms of this Award 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 they are studying. Failure to comply with this regulation will result in the termination of the Award.

III. Recipients of a James LeGallais New Start Award will be required to give undertakings that they will comply with the regulations for the Award 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 James LeGallais New Start Award is not complying with these regulations, terminate the Award and require repayment of the funds received from the date of the breach.