Jasmax Scholarship for Māori and Pacific Students

Code: 1045  
Faculty: Creative Arts and Industries  
Applicable study: Māori and Pacific students enrolling in the first year of a BAS  
Closing date: 3 February 2022  
Tenure: Up to 5 years  
For: Assistance with study  
Number on offer: One  
Offer rate: Annually  
Value: $5,000 pa

Description

The Scholarship was established in 2019 and is funded by Jasmax, one of New Zealand’s leading architecture and design firms.

The main purpose of the Scholarship is to encourage Māori and Pacific high school students to study Architecture at the University of Auckland Waipapa Taumata Rau and to support them throughout their studies.

Selection process

- Application is made to the Scholarships Office  
- A Selection Committee assesses the applications  
- Short-listed applicants will be required to attend a kōrero (see Note III)  
- 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 Jasmax Scholarship for Māori and Pacific Students.  
2. One Scholarship will be awarded annually, for a period of up to five years, and will be of the value of $5,000 per annum.  
3. To be eligible for Scholarship consideration, an applicant must be i) a Māori or Pacific student (see Note I), ii) a citizen or permanent resident of New Zealand, iii) intending to enrol full-time in the first year of a Bachelor of Architectural Studies (BAS) at the University of Auckland Waipapa Taumata Rau in the following year.  
4. The first three years of the Scholarship will cover the BAS, and the fourth and fifth year of the Scholarship will cover the Master of Architectural (Professional).  
5. The basis of selection will be academic achievement based on results at Level 2 or higher in the National Certificate of Educational Achievement (NCEA) or an equivalent qualification, the quality of the applicant’s portfolio submitted with their BAS application, financial need, and performance in a kōrero. Applicants must state their ancestry or iwi affiliations. Short-listed candidates will be required to attend a kōrero (see Notes I to III).  
6. The Scholarship will be awarded by the University of Auckland Council on the recommendation of a Selection
Committee comprising the Head of the School of Architecture and Planning (or nominee), one member of Academic Staff from the School of Architecture and Planning nominated by the Head of School, and one representative of the donor.

7. To be paid the Scholarship, awardees must i) achieve admission to the University of Auckland Waipapa Taumata Rau with an NCEA rank score of at least 230, a CIE rank score or at least 280 or an IB score of at least 31, which are all equivalent to a University of Auckland Waipapa Taumata Rau entry grade point equivalent (GPE) of 4.70, and ii) enrol full-time in a BAS.

8. The Scholarship will be paid in equal lump sum instalments, in Semester One and Two of each year of study, as soon as is practical after confirmation of the awardee’s enrolment (that is, after the final date on which a student may add or delete courses without incurring a late enrolment fee). To be paid the second and subsequent instalments, awardees must i) remain enrolled in a BAS, followed by a Master of Architecture (Professional), and ii) maintain a GPA of at least 4.00 (equivalent to a B- average) in each semester of study (see Note VI).

9. The Scholarship 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 awardee 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.

10. 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 Head of the School of Architecture and Planning.

11. The University of Auckland Council is not obliged to make an award if it is determined there is no candidate that meets the criteria and/or no candidate of sufficient merit.

12. The University of Auckland Waipapa Taumata Rau, in consultation with the donor, can amend or vary these regulations provided that there is no departure from the main purpose of the Scholarship.

Applications close with the Scholarships Office on 3 February in the year of the award.

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

I. Pacific students are defined as citizens or permanent residents of New Zealand who are of indigenous Pacific descent from any of the following islands: Samoa, American Samoa, Tonga, Cook Islands, Niue, Tokelau, Fiji, Rotuma, Solomon Islands, Vanuatu, New Caledonia, Papua New Guinea, Kiribati, Tuvalu, Palau, Marshall Islands, Federated States of Micronesia, Wallis and Futuna, Hawaii, French Polynesia, Rapanui (Easter Island), Nauru.

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

III. In the kōrero, applicants will be invited to share their indigenous knowledge and future aspirations. Applicants will be expected to deliver a short mihi in Māori or English and be able to speak about their whakapapa. Short-listed applicants may be accompanied by a Faculty support person.

IV. Awardees may be given the opportunity to undertake an annual internship opportunity with Jasmax.

V. Awardees may be asked to speak to high school students about architecture as a profession for Māori and Pacific students.

VI. The awardee’s GPA is based on all courses they undertake in each semester of study.

VII. 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.

VIII. Awardees will be required to comply with the regulations and must notify the Scholarships Office of any change in their enrolment or funding status. The University of Auckland Waipapa Taumata Rau may, in the event that it can be established that an awardee is not complying with these regulations, terminate the Scholarship and require repayment of the funds received from the date of the breach.