Jean O’Reilly Memorial Masters Scholarship

**Code:** 970  
**Faculty:** Arts  
**Applicable study:** MA, MCT, MProfStuds or MPP  
**Closing date:** 30 January  
**Tenure:** One Year  
**For:** Assistance with study  
**Number on offer:** One  
**Offer rate:** Annually  
**Value:** Up to $5,000  

**Description**

The Scholarship was established in 2018 by Phil O’Reilly to honour the memory of his mother Jean O’Reilly, in recognition of her encouragement and support of his university study.

The intention of the Scholarship is to encourage and support masters level students to study global relationships and organisations (such as the OECD, the UN or the World Bank), including global public policy, governance and comparative public policy in an international context, particularly when New Zealand influences and is influenced by global public policy.

**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 Jean O’Reilly Memorial Masters Scholarship.  
2. The Scholarship will be awarded annually, for a period of up to one year and will be of the value of up to $5,000.  
3. To take up and be paid the Scholarship, the candidate must be enrolled full-time in either a Master of Arts in Politics and International Relations, a Master of Conflict and Terrorism, Master of Professional Studies in International Relations and Human Rights or a Master of Public Policy, studying global relationships and organisations (such as the OECD, the UN or the World Bank), global public policy, governance or comparative public policy in an international context, particularly where New Zealand influences or is influenced by global public policy.  
4. The Scholarship is tenable by students aged 35 years or under, who are citizens or permanent residents of New Zealand.  
5. The basis of selection will be academic merit as assessed by the grade point average (GPA) or grade point equivalent (GPE) calculated over the most recently completed qualifying programme, the relevance of the proposed research to the criteria at Regulation 3, and the quality of a written personal statement outlining the candidate’s study
and ambition to make an impact on public policy both in New Zealand and abroad. Successful candidates will have a minimum GPA/GPE of 7.00 (see Note I).

6. The Scholarship will be awarded by the University of Auckland Council upon the recommendation of a Selection Committee comprising the Associate Dean (Postgraduate) of the Faculty of Arts (or nominee), an academic staff member from the Faculty of Arts nominated by the Dean of the Faculty of Arts, and a representative of the donor.

7. Recipients may only hold the Jean O’Reilly Memorial Masters Scholarship once.

8. Payment will be made in two lump sums in the third week of each semester of enrolment.

9. The Jean O’Reilly Memorial Masters Scholarship may be held with any other study award or grant where the Regulations for that award or grant permit and where the University of Auckland Council so approves.

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 Scholarship.

11. Applications close with the Scholarships Office on 30 January in the year of the award.


Notes

I. The most recent qualifying programme is defined as the most recently completed programme of study that qualifies the applicant for entry to the research masters programme for which they are applying. Where the most recently completed programme is a conjoint programme the GPA/GPE will be calculated over the entirety of the conjoint programme. The maximum approved exchange or transfer credit that can be excluded from the GPA/GPE calculation for the qualifying programme is 60 points. Where the most recently completed programme is a Transitional Certificate, the qualifying programme is the Transitional Certificate and the most recently completed prior degree.

II. 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. Failure to comply with this regulation will result in the termination of the Scholarship.

III. Recipients of a Jean O’Reilly Memorial Masters Scholarship will be required to give undertaking that they will comply with the regulations for the Scholarship and will notify the Scholarships Office of any change in their enrolment, employment or funding status. The University of Auckland may, in the event that it can be established that a recipient of a Jean O’Reilly Memorial Master Scholarship is not complying with these Regulations, terminate the Scholarship and require repayment of the funds received from the date of the breach.