Jennie and Arthur Loo First in Family Scholarship

Code: 1106
Faculty:
- Creative Arts and Industries
- Engineering
- Medical and Health Sciences
- Science
Applicable study:
First year of an undergraduate degree in Architectural Studies, Design, Engineering, Medical and Health Sciences or Science at the University of Auckland (see Note I)
Closing date: 1 November 2024
Tenure: Up to four years (see Note I)
For: Assistance with study
Number on offer: One
Offer rate: One every three to four years
Value: Up to $8,000 pa

Description

The Scholarship was established in 2020 and is funded by University of Auckland alumnus Arthur Loo and his wife Jennie.

The main purpose of the Scholarship is to assist students enrolling in the first year of a degree in Architectural Studies, Design, Engineering, Medical and Health Sciences or Science, who are the first member of their immediate family to attend university and who, because of financial hardship, may not otherwise be able to undertake a university degree.

Selection process

- Application is made to the Scholarships Office
- A Selection Committee assesses the applications
- Short-listed applicants may be required to attend an interview
- 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 Jennie and Arthur Loo First in Family Scholarship.
2. One Scholarship will be awarded every three to four years, for a period of up to four years, and will be of the value of up to $8,000 per annum (see Note I).
3. To be eligible for consideration for the Scholarship applicants must be i) a citizen or permanent resident of New Zealand, ii) the first member of their family to attend university (see Note II), and iii) enrolled or intending to enrol full-time in the first year of an undergraduate degree in the Faculty of Engineering, the Faculty of Medical and Health Sciences, or the Faculty of Science, or a Bachelor of Architectural Studies or Bachelor of Design in the Faculty of Creative Arts and Industries, at the University of Auckland.
4. 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, and a personal statement outlining the applicant’s motivation to succeed at University and demonstrated financial hardship. The recipient must be the first member of their family to attend a university. Consideration may be given to student who attended a state secondary school. Short-listed applications may be required to attend an interview (see Notes II to IV).

5. The Scholarship will be awarded by the University of Auckland Council upon the recommendation of a Selection Committee comprising the Pro Vice-Chancellor (Equity) (or nominee), the Chair of the Scholarships Committee (or nominee), a representative of the Alumni Relations and Development Department and the Donors.

6. To be paid the Scholarship, awardees must be enrolled in an undergraduate degree in the Faculty of Engineering, the Faculty of Medical and Health Sciences, or the Faculty of Science, or a Bachelor of Architectural Studies or Bachelor of Design in the Faculty of Creative Arts and Industries, at the University of Auckland.

7. The Scholarship will be paid each year in two equal instalments in Semester One and Two, as soon as is practical after confirmation of enrolment after the final date on which a student may add or delete courses without incurring a late enrolment fee.

8. As a condition of tenure, recipients will be required to maintain a grade point average (GPA) of at least 5.00 (equivalent to a B average) in each semester of study (see Note V).

9. The Scholarship may not be held concurrently with a University of Auckland Top Achiever Scholarship, University of Auckland Māori Academic Excellence Scholarship, a University of Auckland Pacific Academic Excellence Scholarship, or a University of Auckland Academic Potential Scholarship. However, it 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 Donors, has the power to terminate or suspend a scholarship if it receives a report of unsatisfactory progress of a Scholar from the Head of Department or School in which the recipient is enrolled.

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

12. The University of Auckland, in consultation with the Donors, has the power to amend or vary these regulations provided that there is no departure from the main purpose of the Scholarship.

13. Applications close with the Scholarships Office on 1 November in the year preceding the award.

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

Notes

I. The Scholarship will cover up to four years of a first undergraduate degree (including a conjoint degree). The Scholarship may be extended to include further funding for postgraduate study, subject to an application in writing to the Scholarships Office at the completion of the undergraduate degree.

II. Financial need will be determined by a range of factors including eligibility for a StudyLink Student Allowance, and personal and financial circumstances. Candidates need to demonstrate that they are experiencing financial hardship and that they are struggling to meet basic living costs. Incurred debt is not evidence of financial hardship.

III. For the purpose of this scholarship, ‘first in family’ to attend university means the first member in their family, including parents and siblings, to enrol at a university. Adoptive and step parents and siblings are considered part of the nuclear family where they have lived with the applicant for the previous five or more years.

IV. Interviews may take place via video conference.

V. For the purposes of this Scholarship, the recipient’s grade point average (GPA) is based on all the courses they undertake in each semester of study.

VI. 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.
VII. Awardees will be required to give undertakings that they will comply with the regulations for the Scholarship 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 an awardee is not complying with these regulations, terminate the Scholarship and require repayment of the funds received from the date of the breach.

VIII. These regulations are subject to Senate and Council approval.