

Judge Karina Williams Scholarship in Law

Code:	756
Faculty:	Law
Applicable study:	Completion of LLB, LLB(Hons) or conjoint
Closing date:	20 May
Tenure:	One year
For:	Assistance
Number on offer:	One or two (Refer to Reg.2)
Offer rate:	Annually
Value:	Up to \$1,500

Description

The Scholarship was established in 2013 in the memory of Judge Karina Raewyn Roimata Williams of Tuhoe, Te Whakatohea, Tainui, Te Aupouri and Ngaitai Iwi, who was a graduate of the University of Auckland. It is financed from funds donated by Dr Yash Ghai, Robb Lecturer at the University of Auckland in 2007, by legal colleagues and friends of Judge Williams, and by the Williams whanau.

The main purpose of the Scholarship is to recognise cultural involvement and academic merit at the University of Auckland by graduating law students of New Zealand Māori descent.

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 Judge Karina Williams Scholarship in Law.
2. One Scholarship of the value of \$1,500 or, in the event of a tie, two Scholarships of the value of \$750 each will be awarded annually for a period of one year, and will be accompanied by a remembrance booklet about Judge Williams prepared by the Williams whanau (see Note I).
3. To take up and be paid the Scholarship, the recipient must be of New Zealand Māori descent and have completed the requirements for the degree of Bachelor of Laws or Bachelor of Laws (Honours) or conjoint in the previous twelve months.
4. The Scholarship is tenable by students who have identified as New Zealand Māori at the time of their admission to LLB Part II, and who have provided information as to their Māori identity, iwi affiliation, knowledge of the language and participation in community activities.
5. The basis of selection will be demonstrated commitment to Te Reo Māori and tikanga Māori, meaningful involvement with Te Rakau Ture (The Māori Law Students' Association), potential to make a significant legal contribution to

- kaupapa Māori issues (see Note ii). Applicants must also demonstrate academic merit (see Note iii).
6. The Scholarships will be awarded annually by the University of Auckland Council on the recommendation of a Selection Committee comprising the Dean of the Faculty of Law (or nominee), the Pouawhina Māori (or nominee), the Academic Counsellor to Māori students, a representative of the Williams whanau as determined by the whanau, and the District Court Kaupapa Māori Lead Judge (or nominee who is also a Judge of the District Court).
 7. The Scholarship will be paid in one lump sum.
 8. The University of Auckland Council is not obliged to make an award if in any year there is no candidate of sufficient merit.
 9. The University of Auckland Council has the power to amend or vary these Regulations, in consultation with the donor (or donor representative), provided that there is no departure from the main purpose of the Scholarship.
 10. Applications close with the Scholarships Office on 20 May in the year of the award.
 11. Notes [I]-[III] below are deemed to be regulations.

Notes

- I. The Scholarship will be presented to the recipient by one or more representative(s) of the Williams whanau or any other nominee of the Williams whanau at a suitable ceremony at which Māori law students will be in attendance and which will normally be held annually at Te Waipapa Marae, the University of Auckland Marae.*
- II. Applicants will be required to submit a personal statement with an outline of their academic and personal achievements, a statement of their commitment to Te Reo Māori, tikanga Māori and Te Rakau Ture (The Māori Law Students' Association) and their future aspirations for Te Ao Māori.*
- III. For the purpose of this Scholarship academic merit would generally entail a grade point average (GPA) of at least 5.00 calculated across all the Law courses (exclusive of any Honours seminar and dissertation) taken at the time of application. A GPA of 5.00 is equivalent to a B average.*