Kick Start Māori and Pacific Award

**Description**

The Award is funded by the Faculty of Engineering.

The main purpose of the Award is to assist Māori and Pacific Island students with set up costs for their first year in the Faculty of Engineering.

**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 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 Kick Start Māori and Pacific Award.
2. Up to four Awards will be made annually, each for a period of one year, and will be of the value of up to $2,000 each.
3. To take up and be paid the Award, candidates must be enrolled and have paid the fees, or arranged to pay the fees, for full-time enrolment in the first year of a Bachelor of Engineering (Honours) degree at the University of Auckland.
4. The Award is tenable by students who are citizens or permanent residents of New Zealand and who are of Māori or Pacific descent (see Note I).
5. The basis of selection will be academic merit based on results at Level 2 or higher in the National Certificate of Educational Achievement (NCEA) or an equivalent qualification and the applicant’s personality and drive demonstrated in their personal statement and interview (if required).
6. The Award will be made by the University of Auckland Council on the recommendation of a Selection Committee comprising the Associate Dean (Undergraduate) (or nominee), the Kaiarahi (or nominee) and the Student Development and Engagement Manager (or nominee) from the Faculty of Engineering.
7. The Award will be paid in one instalment in the third week of Semester One.
8. The Award may be held concurrently with any other scholarship, award or grant as long as a) the terms of that
9. The University of Auckland Council is not obliged to make an award if in any year there is no candidate of sufficient merit.

10. 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.

11. Applications close with the Scholarships Office on 15 January in the year of the award.

12. Notes [I]-[IV] below are deemed to be regulations.

Notes

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).

II. Recipients who take up this Award but do not complete at least two semesters of study in the Faculty of Engineering at the University of Auckland will normally be required to pay back the full sum of monies received.

III. 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. Failure to comply with this regulation will result in the termination of the Award.

IV. Recipients of a Kick Start Māori and Pacific 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 Kick Start Māori and Pacific Award is not complying with these regulations, terminate the Award and require repayment of the funds received.