Kotahitanga Korikori Dance Movement Therapy for Empowerment Scholarship

**Description**

The Scholarship was established in 2019 and is funded by Dance & Arts Therapy New Zealand (DTNZ), a charity that empowers and supports vulnerable communities through dance movement and arts therapy.

The intention of the Scholarship is to encourage and support students, particularly students from Māori or Pacific backgrounds, undertaking a Master of Dance Movement Therapy programme at the University of Auckland who are intending to work closely with the Māori and Pacific community.

**Selection process**

- Application is made to the Scholarships Office
- A Selection Committee assesses the applications
- Short-listed candidates will 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 Kotahitanga Korikori Dance Movement Therapy for Empowerment Scholarship.
2. One Scholarship will be awarded biennially, for a period of up to two years and will be of the value of up to $20,000 in total, paid in four equal instalments. In addition, the Scholarship may also cover the cost of cultural supervision (see Note I).
3. The Scholarship may be awarded to new students who meet all the requirements of these regulations and enrol full-time at the University of Auckland in a Master of Dance Movement Therapy.
4. The Scholarship is tenable by students who are citizens or permanent residents of New Zealand and by international students of Pacific Island ancestry who are planning to reside permanently in New Zealand following their study (see Note II).
5. To be eligible for consideration, applicants must have a minimum grade point average (GPA) or grade point
equivalent (GPE) of 7.00 (6.50 for Māori and Pacific candidates) in their most recent qualifying programme for study
(see Note III).

6. The basis of selection will be academic merit as assessed by the GPA or GPE calculated over the most recent
qualifying programme (see Note III) and a personal statement outlining the candidate’s intentions to work closely with
the Māori and/or Pacific community. Short-listed candidates will be required to attend an interview.

7. The Scholarship will be awarded by the University of Auckland Council upon the recommendation of a Selection
Committee comprising the Head of the Dance Studies programme (or nominee), one member of Academic Staff from
the Dance Studies programme, and one representative of Dance and Arts Therapy New Zealand.

8. Recipients of the Scholarship will be required to undertake one of the Master Dance Movement Therapy practicums
at Dance & Arts Therapy NZ in both year one and year two.

9. Payment will be made in equal lump sums in each semester of enrolment. Payments will commence from the third
week of the first semester of enrolment.

10. The Kotahitanga Korikori Dance Movement Therapy for Empowerment Scholarship may be held with any other
scholarship, award or grant where the Regulations for that scholarship, award or grant permit and where the
University of Auckland Council is informed and approves. It is the responsibility of the recipient 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.

11. The University of Auckland Council will not be bound to make an award if there is no candidate of sufficient merit.

12. 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 Associate Dean (Postgraduate) of
the Faculty of Creative Arts and Industries.

13. 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.

14. Applications close with the Scholarships Office on 9 March in the year of the award.

15. Notes [I] – [V] below are deemed to be Regulations.

Notes

I. The cultural supervisor will be paid directly by Dance & Arts Therapy NZ.

II. Pacific students are defined as students 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).

III. The most recent qualifying programme is defined as the most recently completed programme of study that qualifies
the applicant for entry to the masters programme for which they are applying. Where the qualifying programme is a
conjoint programme the GPA/GPE will be calculated over the relevant component 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.

IV. Payments under the terms of this Scholarship remain tax-free as long as they are used 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.

V. Recipients of a Kotahitanga Korikori Dance Movement Therapy for Empowerment Scholarship 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 a recipient of a Kotahitanga Korikori Dance Movement Therapy for Empowerment Scholarship is not
complying with these regulations, terminate the Scholarship and require repayment of the funds received from the
date of the breach.

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