Kupe Leadership Scholarship

Description

The Scholarship was established in 2018 and is funded by a number of philanthropic donors after seed investment by the McCall MacBain Foundation.

The intention of the Scholarship is to encourage and support exceptional postgraduate students with a view to developing the next generation of leaders in New Zealand. Each scholar will be matched with a mentor from the community, who is themselves a leader in their field, to advise, challenge and guide them as they complete their postgraduate study. They will also participate in an especially-designed Leadership Programme.

Selection process

- Application is made to the Scholarships Office
- A Selection Committee assesses the applications
- Short-listed candidates will be interviewed
- 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 Kupe Leadership Scholarship.
2. Up to 20 Scholarships will be awarded annually, for a period of up to one year and will be of the value of up to $24,100 each. The Scholarship will comprise either a fortnightly stipend of up to $10,000 plus accommodation in a single studio room at 55 Symonds Street or a fortnightly stipend of up to $22,000. Each awardee will also receive one-on-one mentoring, and a comprehensive Leadership Development programme run by Executive Education undertaken with all of the Kupe Leadership Scholars. Accommodation costs will be paid directly to the relevant Halls of Residence (See Note I).
3. The Scholarships may be awarded to students who meet all the requirements of these regulations and enrol full-time for a full academic year at the University of Auckland in a masters degree, a postgraduate bachelors (honours)
degree or a postgraduate diploma (see Note II). Students enrolled in either year of a two year masters degree may also be considered for the Scholarship. Students enrolled in an 180 point masters degree may be considered for the Scholarship for the full calendar year of their degree.

4. The Scholarship is tenable by students who are New Zealand citizens or permanent residents and who have resided in New Zealand for at least five years in the ten years preceding the year of application.

5. The basis of selection will be academic merit, assessed as a Scholarships grade point average (GPA) or grade point equivalent (GPE) obtained over the applicant’s most recent two years of full-time equivalent study, and leadership potential as evidenced by a CV, a personal statement, references, and an interview. A grade point average (GPA) or grade point equivalent (GPE) of at least 7.00 (6.50 for Māori or Pacific applicants) is required for consideration for the Scholarship.

6. The Scholarship will be awarded by the University of Auckland Council upon the recommendation of a Selection Committee comprising the Dean of Graduate Studies (or nominee), the Director of Executive Education (or nominee), a representative of the Scholarships Committee, a representative of the donors, and a member of the community nominated by the Vice-Chancellor.

7. The Kupe Leadership Scholarship may not be held concurrently with any other scholarship, award or grant.

8. The amount of additional and paid work a Scholar may undertake either inside or outside the University shall not exceed a total of 500 hours during the tenure of this Scholarship.

9. The University of Auckland Council has the power to terminate or suspend a Scholarship if it receives a report of unsatisfactory progress of a Scholar from either the student’s Academic Head or the convenor of the Kupe Leadership Programme. Unsatisfactory performance in the Kupe Leadership Programme may be confirmed by repeated absences and non-participation in activities. Absences from the Kupe Leadership Programme will not usually be approved unless there are compelling medical or adverse personal circumstances beyond the student’s control.

10. The University of Auckland Council has the power to amend or vary these Regulations, in consultation with the relevant donors, provided that there is no departure from the main purpose of the Scholarship.

11. Applications close with the Scholarships Office on 23 August in the year preceding the award.


Notes

I. Accommodation in a single studio or equivalent at 55 Symonds Street is valued at $14,100. Accommodation will be available for the academic year comprising Semester One and Two.

II. Students enrolled in a Bachelor of Advanced Science (Honours) degree may be considered for this Scholarship in their final year only. Students enrolled in a Graduate Diploma in Teaching (Early Childhood Education), Graduate Diploma in Teaching (Primary) and Graduate Diploma in Teaching (Secondary) who have previously completed the requirements to graduate with an undergraduate degree may be considered for the Scholarship.

III. Payment 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.

IV. Recipients of a Kupe Leadership 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, employment or funding status, and will not bring the Kupe Leadership Scholarship or Kupe Leadership Programme into disrepute. The University of Auckland may, in the event that it can be established that a recipient of a Kupe Leadership Scholarship is not complying with these regulations, terminate the Scholarship and require repayment of the funds received from the date of the breach.