Māori and Pasifika Master of Public Policy Scholarship

**Description**

The Scholarship was established in 2019 and is funded by a Faculty of Arts alumnus who has a passion for public policy and wishes to encourage and support Māori and Pasifika students to undertake a Master of Public Policy degree at the University of Auckland.

**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 Māori and Pasifika Master of Public Policy Scholarship.
2. One Scholarship will be awarded annually, for a period of up to one year and will be of the value of up to $5,000. Payments and tenure will be pro-rated for part-time students.
3. The Scholarship may be awarded to Māori or Pacific students enrolling full-time or part-time at the University of Auckland in a Master of Public Policy degree.
4. The Scholarship is tenable by Māori or Pacific students who are citizens or permanent residents of New Zealand (see Note I).
5. The basis of selection will be academic merit as assessed by the grade point average (GPA) or grade point equivalent (GPE) calculated over the most recent qualifying programme, financial need and a personal statement outlining the candidate’s commitment and aspirations. Successful candidates will have a minimum GPA/GPE of 6.50 in their most recent qualifying programme for study (see Notes II to III).
6. The Scholarship will be awarded by the University of Auckland Council upon the recommendation of a Selection Committee comprising the Associate Dean (Postgraduate) of the Faculty of Arts (or nominee), the Postgraduate Adviser for the Master of Public Policy programme, and one representative of the donor.
7. Payment will be made in two lump sums in the third week of the first two semesters of enrolment.
8. The Māori and Pasifika Master of Public Policy Scholarship may be held with any other scholarship, award or grant.
where the Regulations for that award or grant permit and where the University of Auckland Council so approves.

9. 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 Arts.

10. 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.

11. Applications close with the Scholarships Office on 31 January in the year of the award.

12. Notes [I] – [V] 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), Nauru.

II. 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 most recently completed programme is a conjoint programme, the GPA/GPE will be calculated over the entirety 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.

III. Financial need will be determined by a range of factors including past or current eligibility for a StudyLink Student Allowance, and personal financial circumstances.

IV. 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. Failure to comply with this regulation will result in the termination of the Scholarship.

V. Recipients of a Māori and Pasifika Master of Public Policy 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 Māori and Pasifika Master of Public Policy Scholarship is not complying with these regulations, terminate the Scholarship and require repayment of funds received from the date of the breach.

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