Mark Ford Ngā Tapuwae Scholarship for Māori Students

**Description**

The Scholarship was established in 2015 and is funded by Watercare Services Ltd in memory of Mark Ford and his outstanding service to Watercare and the water industry, as Chief Executive of Watercare.

The main purpose of the Scholarship is to encourage and support a student of Māori descent undertaking study in a Bachelor of Engineering (Honours) in Civil Engineering or Structural Engineering at the University of Auckland.

**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 Scholarship is awarded by the University of Auckland Council on the recommendation of the Selection Committee

**Regulations**

1. The Scholarship shall be known as the Mark Ford Ngā Tapuwae Scholarship for Māori Students.
2. One Scholarship will be awarded annually, for a period of up to one year and will be to the value of $5,000. Recipients of the Scholarship may reapply in the following year.
3. To be eligible for Scholarship consideration, applicants must be i) or Māori descent, ii) a citizen or permanent resident of New Zealand, and iii) enrolled full-time in Part III or Part IV of a Bachelor of Engineering (Honours) specialising in Civil Engineering or Structural Engineering. Conjoint students are not eligible to apply for this Scholarship. A grade point average (GPA) or grade point equivalent (GPE) of at least 4.50 is required to be eligible for scholarship consideration (see Note I).
4. The basis of selection will be academic achievement (see Note I), and the applicant's technical ability and professional skills, character and leadership potential, contribution to the University and/or community activities and potential to contribute to the Engineering industry as assessed by a personal statement and performance in an interview. Short-listed applicants may be required to attend an interview.
5. The Scholarship will be awarded by the University of Auckland Council upon the recommendation of a Selection Committee comprising the Dean of the Faculty of Engineering (or nominee), Associate Dean (Academic) of the Faculty of Engineering (or nominee) and one representative of Watercare.

6. To be paid the Scholarship, the awardee must be enrolled full-time in Part III or Part IV of a BE(Hons) degree specialising in Civil Engineering or Structural Engineering.

7. The Scholarship will be paid in one lump sum in Semester Two as soon as is practical after confirmation of the awardee's enrolment, that is, after the final date on which a student may add or delete courses without incurring a late enrolment fee.

8. The Scholarship may be held concurrently with any other scholarship, award or grant as long as the regulations for that scholarship, award or grant permit and 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.

9. The University of Auckland Council is not obliged to make an award if it is determined there is no candidate that meets the requirements and/or no candidate of sufficient merit.

10. The University of Auckland can 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 August in the year of the award.

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

**Notes**

I. For the purpose of this Scholarship, academic achievement is assessed as a Scholarships GPA or GPE obtained over the applicant’s most recent two years of full-time graded study (or equivalent).

II. The awardee may be offered paid work at Watercare during the summer vacation at Watercare’s discretion. Watercare will ensure that the summer vacation work complies with the sub-professional practical work requirements of the Bachelor of Engineering (Honours) degree.

III. In making a recommendation for this Scholarship the Selection Committee shall take into account other scholarships, bursaries and awards held by the candidates, with a view to achieving a fair distribution of monies among qualifying candidates.

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. Awardees will be required to 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 an awardee is not complying with these regulations, terminate the Scholarship and require repayment of the funds received.