

Mark Heard Scholarship

Code:	933
Faculty:	Education and Social Work
Applicable study:	Postgraduate Honours, Postgraduate Diploma or Masters level study
Closing date:	1 November
Tenure:	One Year
For:	Assistance with study
Number on offer:	One
Offer rate:	Annually
Value:	\$5,000

Description

The Scholarship was established in 2017 and is funded by the estate of Elizabeth Heard in memory of her husband Mark Heard. Mr and Mrs Heard believed that education opportunities should be available to anyone regardless of the financial, social and cultural factors that normally impact on a person's ability to realise their potential.

The main purpose of the Scholarship is to support postgraduate students enrolled in the Faculty of Education and Social Work who have demonstrated the potential to succeed but are experiencing hardships or who may have been disadvantaged due to their personal circumstances.

Selection process

- Application is made to the Scholarships Office
- A Selection Committee assesses the applications
- The scholarships are awarded by the University of Auckland Council on the recommendation of the Selection Committee

Regulations

1. The Scholarship will be known as the Mark Heard Scholarship.
2. One Scholarship will be awarded annually, each for a period of up to one year, and will be of the value of up to \$5,000. Payments to part time students will be pro-rated.
3. To take up and be paid the Scholarship, the candidate must be enrolled full-time or part-time in a postgraduate programme in the Faculty of Education and Social Work at the University of Auckland.
4. The Scholarship is tenable by students who are citizens or permanent residents of New Zealand.
5. The basis of selection will be academic ability and a personal statement describing the circumstances (financial, social, and/or cultural) that negatively impact on the candidate's ability to commence or continue their education at the University of Auckland. A grade point average (GPA) or grade point equivalent (GPE) of at least 6.00 is required for consideration for the Scholarship (see Note 1).
6. The Scholarship will be awarded by the University of Auckland Council upon the recommendation of a Selection

Committee comprising the Pro Vice-Chancellor (Equity) (or nominee), the Dean of the Faculty of Education and Social Work (or nominee) and a representative of the donor.

7. The scholarship will be paid in two instalments, one in the first semester of enrolment and one in the second.
8. The scholarship may be held with any other award or grant as long as a) the terms of that award or grant permit and b) the University of Auckland Council is informed and approves. It is the responsibility of the recipient to declare to the Scholarships Office all other grant, award or scholarship funding received while in payment for this Scholarship.
9. The University of Auckland Council, in consultation with the donor, has the power to terminate or suspend a scholarship if it receives an unsatisfactory report on the progress of a Scholar from the Deputy Dean of the Faculty of Education and Social Work.
10. The University of Auckland Council is not obliged to make an award if in any year there are not candidates of sufficient merit.
11. The University of Auckland, in consultation with the donor, has the power to amend or vary these regulations provided that there is no departure from the main purpose of the scholarship.
12. Applications close with the Scholarships Office on 1 November of the year preceding the award.
13. Notes [I]-[II] below are deemed to be Regulations.

Notes

- I. For the purpose of this scholarship, academic ability for students enrolled at the University of Auckland at the time of application is assessed as a Scholarships GPA or GPE obtained over the applicant's most recent two years of full-time equivalent graded study.*
- II. 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.*