

Mokaraka Māori Women in Business Scholarship

Code:	1055
Faculty:	Business & Economics
Applicable study:	Māori women students currently enrolled in undergraduate study in the Business School
Closing date:	15 April
Tenure:	One year
For:	Assistance with study
Number on offer:	One
Offer rate:	Annually
Value:	Up to \$15,000

Description

The Scholarship was established in 2019 and is funded by Melanie Smith, an alumnus of the University of Auckland.

The main purpose of the Scholarship is to support young Māori women studying at undergraduate level in the University of Auckland Business School.

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 Mokaraka Māori Women in Business 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 \$15,000. Recipients of the Scholarship may apply again for a second and third year.
3. To take up and be paid the Scholarship, the candidate must be enrolling full-time in an undergraduate programme in the Business School at the University of Auckland.
4. The Scholarship is tenable by Māori women students who are citizens or permanent residents of New Zealand.
5. The basis of selection will be academic achievement and a personal statement outlining their study and career plans, and future intentions to provide a similar contribution to another Māori women student. Candidates will have a minimum grade point average (GPA) or grade point equivalent (GPE) of at least 3.50 for consideration for the Scholarship (see Note I).
6. As a condition of tenure, recipients will be required to maintain a GPA of at least 3.00 (equivalent to a C+ average) in each semester of study (see Note II).
7. The Scholarship will be awarded by the University of Auckland Council upon the recommendation of a Selection Committee comprising the Dean of the Business School (or nominee), the Associate Dean (Māori and Pacific Development) (or nominee) and a representative of the Donor.

8. The Scholarship will be paid as a fortnightly stipend.
9. The Scholarship may be held 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.
10. 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 Dean of the Business School.
11. The University of Auckland Council is not obliged to make an award if in any year there is no candidate of sufficient merit.
12. 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.
13. Applications close with the Scholarships Office on 15 April in the year of the award.
14. Notes [I]-[IV] below are deemed to be Regulations.

Notes

- I. For the purpose of this scholarship, academic merit for students entering Year One is based on results at level two or higher in the National Certificate of Educational Achievement (NCEA) or an equivalent qualification. A GPE of 3.50 is equivalent to an NCEA rank score of 200 or a CIE rank score of 200. For students entering Year Two, academic merit is assessed as a Scholarships grade point average (GPA) or grade point equivalent (GPE) obtained over the applicant's first year of full-time graded study. For students entering Year Three or subsequent years, academic merit is assessed as a Scholarships GPA or GPE obtained over the applicant's most recent two years of full-time graded study.*
- II. For the purposes of this Scholarship, the recipient's grade point average (GPA) is based on all the courses they undertake in each semester of study.*
- III. 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 and to assist the awardee with living costs while studying. Failure to comply with this regulation will result in the termination of the scholarship.*
- IV. Recipients of a Mokaraka Māori Women in Business 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 it can be established that a recipient of a Mokaraka Māori Women in Business Scholarship is not complying with these regulations, terminate the Scholarship and require repayment of the funds received from the date of the breach.*