Muriel Roberts Study Abroad Award for Students with Disabilities

**Description**

The Award was established in 2019 and is funded by a bequest from the estate of Muriel Roberts.

The main purpose of the Award is to assist University of Auckland students with disabilities with the cost of studying overseas while on an approved student exchange or short-term programme. Preference will be given to students who have never travelled overseas.

**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 Award is made by the University of Auckland Council on the recommendation of the Selection Committee

**Regulations**

1. The Award will be known as the Muriel Roberts Study Abroad Award for Students with Disabilities.
2. One or more Awards may be made, for a period of up to one year, up to a total value of $5,000.
3. The Award may be made to domestic candidates who have confirmed offers as exchange students by an approved exchange partner or who will be enrolled in an approved short-term programme at an overseas institution, have paid the fees, or arranged to pay the fees, for full-time enrolment at the University of Auckland, and have completed at least one year of full-time study at the University of Auckland at the time of take up of the Award (see Note I).
4. The Award is tenable by domestic students who have disclosed disabilities to Student Disability Services.
5. The basis of selection will be the personal circumstances of candidates as outlined in a personal statement, in particular whether candidates have previously travelled overseas; the suitability of the candidate’s proposed programme at the host university to the candidate’s course of study at the University of Auckland; the candidate’s
academic ability and suitability as a representative of the University of Auckland. Short-listed candidates may be required to attend an interview (see Notes I to II).

6. The Award will be made by the University of Auckland Council upon the recommendation of a Selection Committee comprising the Deputy Director, International Operations (or nominee), the Pro Vice-Chancellor (Equity) (or nominee) and one academic member of the International Committee, nominated by the Chair of the International Committee.

7. The Award will be paid in one lump sum upon acceptance of the Award (see Note IV).

8. The Award may not be held concurrently with a 360 International Exchange Award, a 360 International Award for Equity Students or a 360 International Award for Māori and Pacific Students, however, it may be held with any other scholarship, award or grant as long as a) the terms of that scholarship, 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 Award.

9. The University of Auckland Council is not obliged to make an award if there are no candidates of sufficient merit.

10. 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 Award.

11. Applications close with the Scholarships Office on 1 December.

12. Notes [I]-[IV] below are deemed to be Regulations.

Notes

I. For the purposes of this Award, academic ability will be assessed on the 360 International exchange programme academic requirement of a cumulative grade point average (GPA) of at least 5.00 from all semesters studied at the University of Auckland, inclusive of current and past enrolment.

II. Interviews may be held in person or via Skype or similar online service.

III. Payments under the terms of this Award 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 Award.

IV. Recipients of a Muriel Roberts Study Abroad Award for Students with Disabilities will be required to give undertakings that they will comply with the regulations for this Award 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 Muriel Roberts Study Abroad Award for Students with Disabilities is not complying with these regulations, terminate the Award and require repayment of the funds received.