Murray Wren Undergraduate Scholarship in Architecture

Description

The Scholarship was established in 2015 and is funded by a bequest from Murray Wren, who was a lifelong professional architect and who qualified in Architecture at the University of Auckland.

The purpose of this Scholarship is to encourage and support students undertaking study in Architecture, especially where this funding would make a significant contribution to their financial needs.

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 shall be known as the Murray Wren Undergraduate Scholarship in Architecture.

2. One Scholarship will be awarded annually, for a period of up to three years, and will be of the value of up to $15,000 per annum.

3. To be eligible for Scholarship consideration, applicants must be i) a citizen or permanent resident of New Zealand, ii) currently enrolled in Year 13 at a New Zealand secondary school or kura and iii) intending to enrol full-time in a Bachelor of Architectural Studies (BAS) at the University of Auckland in the following year.

4. The basis of selection will be academic merit, the quality of the applicant’s portfolio submitted with their BAS application and financial need (see Notes I and II).

5. The Scholarship will be awarded by the University of Auckland Council on the recommendation of a Selection Committee comprising the Head of the School of Architecture and Planning (or nominee), and two members of academic staff of the School of Architecture and Planning nominated by the Head of School.

6. To be paid the Scholarship, awardees must achieve admission to the University of Auckland with an NCEA rank score of at least 250, a CIE rank score of at least 300 or an IB score of at least 32, which are all equivalent to a University of Auckland grade point equivalent (GPE) of 5.00, and ii) enrol full-time in a BAS.
7. The Scholarship will be paid as a fortnightly stipend, commencing in Semester One, 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. To continue to be paid the Scholarship, awardees must remain enrolled full-time in the BAS, and ii) maintain a grade point average (GPA) of at least 4.00 (equivalent to a B- average) in each semester of study (see Note III).

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 awardee 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 has the power to terminate or suspend a Scholarship if it receives a report of unsatisfactory progress of a Scholar from the Head of the School of Architecture and Planning.

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

11. The University of Auckland can 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 in the year preceding the award.

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

Notes

I. For the purpose of this Scholarship, academic merit 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. Financial need will be determined by a range of factors including eligibility for a StudyLink Student Allowance, and personal and financial circumstances.

III. The awardee’s GPA is based on all courses they undertake in each semester of study.

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 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 an awardee is not complying with these regulations, terminate the Scholarship and require repayment of the funds received from the date of the breach.