The Scholarship was established in 2018 and is funded by Sir Roderick and Gillian, Lady Deane through the Deane Endowment Trust in memory of Lady Deane’s cousin Natalie Blair.

The main purpose of the Scholarship is to give current international and domestic university students an opportunity to experience research in archaeology, and to thereby encourage them to pursue postgraduate study at the University of Auckland.

Selection process

- Nomination is made to the Scholarships Office
- 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 Natalie Blair Memorial Summer Scholarship in Archaeology.
2. The Scholarship will provide a tax-free stipend of $6,000 and is payable within the period of December to March inclusive. Stipends are payable in consecutive fortnightly instalments to the value of $6,000.
3. The Scholarship is tenable by domestic and international students.
4. To be eligible for scholarship consideration, students must be enrolled in the Faculty of Arts in a Bachelor of Arts (BA), Bachelor of Arts (Honours) (BA(Hons)) or a Postgraduate Diploma in Arts (PGDipArts) in Anthropology. Students must have completed at least two years of equivalent full-time study in an undergraduate degree at the time of take-up of the award.
5. The basis for selection will be academic merit measured by Scholarship grade point average (GPA) or grade point equivalent (GPE) obtained over the candidate’s most recent two years of full-time graded study (or equivalent), candidate interest in further study and the alignment of the candidate’s academic and/or professional profile with the proposed research topic in Archaeology. In order to assess applications, supporting documentation (as detailed in any guidelines and application forms), including but not limited to CV, personal and/or project statement, and writing sample, may be requested. A GPA/GPE of at least 6.00 (5.50 for Māori or Pacific candidates) is required for...
consideration for the Scholarship (see Note I).

6. The Scholarship will be awarded by the University of Auckland Council on the recommendation of the Selection Committee comprised of the Head of the School of Social Sciences (or nominee), the convenor of the disciplinary area of Anthropology and a representative of the donors.

7. To be eligible to hold the Scholarship, awardees must not a) be seeking employment as tutors during Summer School or be in paid employment either inside or outside the University during the tenure of their Scholarship, or b) have commenced a masters or doctoral programme, or a taught postgraduate programme (other than those permitted under Regulation 4), by the start date of the Summer Research Scholarship, or c) commence a masters or doctoral programme, or a taught postgraduate programme (other than those permitted under Regulation 4), during the tenure of the Scholarship or d) be completing a dissertation or thesis on extension.

8. Recipients will be required to observe the research plan and frequency of meetings as agreed with their supervisors at the start of the project; failure to do so will result in forfeiture of this Scholarship.

9. A student will be required to be co-located in the same town as their supervisor for the period of the scholarship, except during any project-related travel.

10. Applications close with the Scholarships Office on 26 July in the year of the award.

11. Notes [I]-[VI] below are deemed to be regulations.

**Notes**

I. The Scholarship GPA/GPE (SGPA/E) calculation will take into account all courses studied in the most recent two years of full-time study (or equivalent), including conjoint courses. Exchange study (within a New Zealand University degree) that has been undertaken at an overseas institution will be excluded, provided it does not exceed one semester. Where a semester of exchange is excluded from the calculation, the SGPA/E will be calculated on the most recent four full-time semesters (or equivalent) of study at a New Zealand institution.

II. A student may enrol in a maximum of 15 points in Summer School during the tenure of this scholarship. SUMRESCH 301 is a not-for-credit course and therefore does not require the payment of any tuition fees.

III. In order to take up the Scholarship, international students must have a student visa for the duration of the Scholarship.

IV. Reports submitted at the end of the project and written in project working time must be the work of the student, should follow the Faculty report guidelines, and must be submitted by the deadline specified by the Faculty. The language must be aimed at a general readership, unlikely to be familiar with the terminology used in specialist academic units.

V. The list of Summer Research topics can be found on the University of Auckland Summer Research Scholarships webpages at www.summer.ac.nz.

VI. Responsibility for any costs incurred in the course of the research project must be clarified with the supervisor and academic unit at the time of acceptance of the Scholarship.