New Zealand Medical Women's Association Elective Award

**Description**

The Award was established in 2005 by the New Zealand Medical Women’s Association and replaces the NZMWA Auckland Branch award which has been funded annually since the 1970s.

The main purpose of the Award is to assist a final year woman medical student to undertake an elective that focuses on the health of women and children.

**Selection process**

- Application is made to the Scholarships Office
- A Selection Committee assesses the applications
- 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 New Zealand Medical Women’s Association Elective Award.
2. One Award will be made each year for a period of one year, and will be of the value of $1,200.
3. The Award will be open to women students of the University of Auckland enrolled in Part VI of the Bachelor of Medicine & Bachelor of Surgery (MBChB) degree. The Award will be available for electives undertaken in an area of women and children’s health.
4. The Award is tenable by a woman student who is a citizen or permanent resident of New Zealand.
5. Selection will be based on academic merit, financial hardship and the relevance of the proposed elective to the health of women and children (see Notes I to II).
6. The Award will be made by the University of Auckland Council on the recommendation of a Selection Committee comprising the Dean of the Faculty of Medical & Health Sciences (or nominee), the Chair of the MBChB Electives Committee (or nominee), and one representative of the Medical Programme Directorate.
7. The Award will be paid in one instalment in the third week of Semester One.
8. The Award may be held concurrently 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.
9. The University of Auckland Council is not obliged to make an award if in any year there is no candidate of sufficient merit.

10. The University of Auckland 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 September in the year preceding the award.

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

Notes

I. For the purposes of this Award academic merit is assessed as a Scholarships grade point average (GPA) or grade point equivalent (GPE) obtained over the most recent two years of full-time (or equivalent) graded study.

II. Financial hardship will be determined by a range of factors including eligibility for a StudyLink Student Allowance, and personal and financial circumstances.

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 termination of the Award.

IV. Recipients of a New Zealand Medical Women’s Association Elective Award will be required to give undertakings that they will comply with the regulations for the 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 New Zealand Medical Women’s Association Elective Award is not complying with these regulations, terminate the award and require repayment of the funds received.