NZAS Master of Audiology Award for Māori Students

Description

The Award was established in 2022 and is funded by the New Zealand Audiological Society, the professional body for audiologists and audiometrists in New Zealand.

The intention of the Award is to encourage and support Māori students to enrolling in the first year of a Master of Audiology programme in the Faculty of Medical and Health Sciences at Waipapa Taumata Rau | University of Auckland.

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 Award will be known as the NZAS Master of Audiology Award for Māori Students.
2. One Award will be made annually for a period of up to one year and will be of the value of up to $5,000. In addition, awardees are offered an opportunity of mentorship from a member of the New Zealand Audiological Society.
3. To be eligible for Award consideration, an applicant must be i) a Māori student, ii) a citizen or permanent resident of New Zealand, and iii) enrolled, or enrolling, full-time in the first 120 points of a Master of Audiology programme in the Faculty of Medical and Health Sciences at Waipapa Taumata Rau | University of Auckland.
4. The basis of selection will be academic achievement as assessed by the grade point average (GPA) or grade point equivalent (GPE) calculated over the most recent qualifying programme, how the applicant’s study and career plans would advance Māori hearing health care, and how the Award would assist with their plans as assessed by a personal statement.
5. The Award will be made by the University of Auckland Council on the recommendation of a Selection Committee comprising the Head of the Department of Audiology (or nominee), one member of Academic Staff from the Faculty of Medical and Health Sciences nominated by the Head of the Department of Audiology and one representative of the donor.

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6. To be paid the Award, awardees must be enrolled full-time in the first 120 points of a Master of Audiology in the Faculty of Medical and Health Sciences at Waipapa Taumata Rau | University of Auckland.

7. The Award will be paid in one instalment in Semester Two, 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)

8. The Award may be held with any other scholarship, award or grant where the Regulations for that scholarship, award or grant permit and where 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 Award.

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

10. The University of Auckland Council, in consultation with the donor, has the power to terminate or suspend an Award if it receives a report of unsatisfactory progress of a Scholar from the Head of the Department of Audiology.

11. The University of Auckland Council can amend or vary these Regulations, in consultation with the donor, provided that there is no departure from the main purpose of the Award.

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


**Notes**

I. **The tax-free status of this Scholarship is under current legislation. The University of Auckland cannot guarantee this tax-free outcome.**

II. **The most recent qualifying programme is defined as the most recently completed programme of study that qualifies the applicant for entry to the masters programme for which they are applying. Where the qualifying programme is a conjoint programme the GPA/GPE will be calculated over the relevant component of the conjoint programme. The maximum approved exchange or transfer credit that can be excluded from the GPA/GPE calculation for the qualifying programme is 60 points. Where a bridging programme, including a Transitional Certificate, Graduate Diploma or Certificate of Proficiency, is required to qualify the applicant for entry to the postgraduate programme for which they are applying or are currently enrolled, the qualifying programme is the bridging programme and the most recently completed prior programme.**

III. **Payments under the terms of this Award remain tax-free as long as they are used for the payment of costs associated with an awardee’s programme of study and/or to assist the awardee with living costs while studying. Failure to comply with this regulation will result in the termination of the Award.**

IV. **Awardees will be required to comply with the regulations for the Award and must notify the Scholarships Office of any change in their enrolment or funding status. Waipapa Taumata Rau | University of Auckland may, in the event that it can be established that an awardee is not complying with these regulations, terminate the Award and require repayment of the funds received from the date of the breach.**