

## Orbit World Travel Award

<b>Code:</b>	1036
<b>Faculty:</b>	Arts
<b>Applicable study:</b>	Stage II or III of BA or BA conjoint degree
<b>Closing date:</b>	TBC and 30 September 2020
<b>Tenure:</b>	One year
<b>For:</b>	Assistance
<b>Number on offer:</b>	Varies
<b>Offer rate:</b>	Biannually
<b>Value:</b>	Up to \$16,000 in total

### Description

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The Award was established in 2019 and is funded by Orbit World Travel.

The main purpose of the Award is to assist full-time Bachelor of Arts or Bachelor of Arts conjoint students with the costs of studying overseas while on an approved student exchange, short-term programme or special project relevant to their degree studies.

### Selection process

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- 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

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1. The Award will be known as the Orbit World Travel Award
2. Awards will be made biannually up to a total value of \$16,000. Each Award will have a minimum value of at least \$2,000.
3. The Award may be made to students who are enrolled full-time in Stage II or Stage III level courses in a Bachelor of Arts or Bachelor of Arts conjoint degree and who meets all the requirements of these regulations.
4. The Award is tenable by students who are citizens or permanent residents of New Zealand.
5. During the tenure of the Award, the recipient will be enrolled as an exchange student at an approved exchange partner or in an approved short-term programme at an overseas institution, or will undertake a special project relevant to their current programme of study, such as attending or participating at a conference or summer-school located overseas.
6. The basis of selection will be academic merit, financial need, proposed budget, and a personal statement outlining the benefits of the planned travel and how it is relevant to the candidate's current programme of study (see Notes I to II).
7. The Award will be made by the University of Auckland Council upon the recommendation of a Selection Committee

comprising the Associate Dean (Students) of the Faculty of Arts (or nominee), the Deputy Director, International Operations (or nominee) and an academic staff member of the Faculty of Arts, nominated by the Associate Dean (Students) of the Faculty of Arts.

8. The Award will be paid in one instalment, subject to confirmation of the recipient's enrolment or participation in the approved special project (See Note III).
9. The Award 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 scholarship, award or grant funding received while in payment for this Award.
10. The University of Auckland Council is not obliged to make an award if in any year there are not candidates of sufficient merit.
11. 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.
12. Applications close with the Scholarships Office on TBC in the year of the award and 30 September in the year preceding the award.
13. Notes [I]-[V] below are deemed to be Regulations.

## Notes

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- I. For the purpose of this Award, academic merit is assessed as the grade point average (GPA) or grade point equivalent (GPE) obtained over the candidate's two most recent years of full-time graded study (or equivalent). Where a student has not yet completed two years of full-time study (or equivalent) the GPA/GPE will be obtained over all semesters of study completed at the time of application for the Award.*
- II. Financial need will be determined by a range of factors including eligibility for a StudyLink Student Allowance, and personal financial circumstances.*
- III. Recipients will be required to make their travel bookings through Orbit World Travel (Refer University of Auckland Travel Policy <https://www.auckland.ac.nz/en/about/the-university/how-university-works/policy-and-administration/finance/travel-and-vehicles/travel-policy.html>).*
- IV. 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 scholarship.*
- V. Recipients of an Orbit World Travel 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 an Orbit World Travel Award is not complying with these regulations, terminate the Award and require repayment of the funds received.*
- VI. These regulations are subject to Senate and Council approval.*