

Presbyterian Methodist Congregational Grafton Scholarship

Code:	862
Faculty:	All
Applicable study:	First three years of a full-time undergraduate degree programme at the University of Auckland
Closing date:	10 October 2024
Tenure:	Up to three years
For:	Accommodation
Number on offer:	10
Offer rate:	Annually
Value:	Up to the first three years of accommodation in Grafton Hall

Description

The Scholarship was established in 2016 and is funded by the Presbyterian Methodist Congregational Foundation.

The main purpose of the Scholarship is to support undergraduate students who wish to study at the University of Auckland but for whom the cost of accommodation would be a barrier to accessing tertiary education.

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 will be known as the Presbyterian Methodist Congregational Grafton Scholarship.
2. Up to 10 Scholarships will be awarded annually, each for a period of up to three years. The Scholarship will cover all of the costs of catered accommodation in a single room in Grafton Hall. Accommodation costs will only be covered for Semesters One and Two. Accommodation during the Summer School Semester is not covered by the Scholarship.
3. To be eligible for Scholarship consideration, applicants must be i) a citizen or permanent resident of New Zealand, ii) either currently a) enrolled in their last year of study at a New Zealand secondary school or kura or b) have left school during or at the end of the previous secondary school year and did not subsequently enrol at any University or other tertiary institution (within or outside New Zealand), and iii) intending to enrol full-time in an undergraduate degree programme at the University of Auckland in the following year (see Note I). Māori and Pacific applicants intending to enrol in a Certificate of Health Sciences, followed by an undergraduate degree programme may also be considered for the Scholarship.
4. The basis of selection will be financial need, plus academic ability based on results at Level 2 or higher in the National Certificate of Educational Achievement (NCEA) or an equivalent qualification, and motivation to succeed at

University (see Note II).

5. The Scholarship will be awarded by the University of Auckland Council on the recommendation of a selection committee comprising the Pro Vice Chancellor (Education) (or nominee), the Director of Alumni Relations and Development (or nominee) and one representative of the Donor.
6. To be paid the first year of the Scholarship, awardees must i) have achieved admission to the University of Auckland and ii) enrolled full-time across both semesters in an undergraduate degree at the University of Auckland or Certificate in Health Sciences (see Notes III to IV).
7. The Scholarship will be paid directly to the relevant accommodation provider.
8. To remain in payment of the Scholarship, awardees must i) maintain a full-time undergraduate degree programme of study at the University of Auckland, ii) achieve a grade point average (GPA) of at least 3.00 (equivalent to a C+ average) in each semester of study, and iii) submit a satisfactory annual report (see Notes IV to VI). Awardees who commenced study in a Certificate in Health Sciences must enrol in a degree programme in the second and third years of study to remain in payment of the Scholarship.
9. The Scholarship may not be held concurrently with any other scholarships, awards or grants that include accommodation. They may be held 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.
10. The University of Auckland Council, in consultation with the Donors, has the power to terminate or suspend a Scholarship if it receives a report of unsatisfactory progress of a Scholar from the relevant Head of Department or School and/or Grafton Hall.
11. The University of Auckland Council is not obliged to make an award if it is determined there are no candidates that meet the criteria and/or no candidates of sufficient merit.
12. The University of Auckland Council can amend or vary these Regulations, in consultation with the Donors, provided that there is no departure from the main purpose of the Scholarship.
13. Applications close with the Scholarships Office on 10 October in the year preceding the award.
14. Notes [I]-[X] below are deemed to be regulations.

Notes

- I. *The last year of study at secondary school or kura may be year 12 or 13.*
- II. *Financial need will be determined by a range of factors including eligibility for a StudyLink Student Allowance, and personal and financial circumstances. Applicants need to demonstrate that they are experiencing financial hardship and that they are struggling to meet basic living costs. Incurred debt is not evidence of financial hardship.*
- III. *Except in cases where there are compelling medical reasons or adverse personal circumstances beyond a student's control, the uptake of scholarships cannot be deferred. Deferral requests must be made in writing to the Scholarships Office.*
- IV. *If a student enrolls at another tertiary institution in New Zealand or overseas, or the student is no longer resident in Grafton Hall, the Scholarship will lapse.*
- V. *Awardees must be enrolled continuously in their programme of study. Deferrals for students who have commenced their degree will not usually be approved unless there are compelling medical or adverse personal circumstances beyond the student's control. Deferral requests must be made in writing to the Scholarships Office.*
- VI. *The awardee's GPA is based on all courses they undertake in each semester of study.*
- VII. *Awardees are requested to submit a brief written report (approximately 500 words) in December each year, over the tenure of their Scholarship. This report must be submitted to the Scholarships Office and will be passed to the Donor as an update on the awardee's current and future academic studies, challenges and plans, and the benefit/s they have gained from holding this Scholarship. Submission of a satisfactory report is a pre-requisite to enable an awardee to continue to hold the Scholarship for the following year.*
- VIII. *Payments under the terms of this Scholarship remain tax-free as long as they are used directly 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.

- IX. Awardees will be required to comply with the regulations for the Scholarship and must 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.*