Presbyterian Methodist Congregational Grafton Scholarship

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 who cannot afford to fund their accommodation.

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. Scholarships will be awarded annually, each for a period of up to three years. In the first year the Scholarship will cover all of the costs of catered accommodation in a standard room in Grafton Hall. In each of years two and three the Scholarship will cover the full costs of self-catered accommodation in a standard room in a University of Auckland Hall of Residence and a contribution towards living costs, so that the combined value is equal to the full cost of catered accommodation. Accommodation costs will only be covered for Semesters One and Two. Accommodation during the Summer School Semester is not covered by the Scholarship (see Notes I to III).
3. The Scholarship may be offered to students who are citizens or permanent residents of New Zealand, currently in their last year of study at a New Zealand secondary school or who 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). In both cases students must intend to enrol full-time in a degree programme at the University of Auckland in the following year (see Note V).
4. To take up and be paid the Scholarship, candidates must be enrolled and have paid the fees, or arranged to pay the
fees, for full-time enrolment in any undergraduate degree at the University of Auckland.

5. The initial 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 IV).

6. To continue to hold the Scholarship, recipients must maintain a full-time degree programme of study at the University of Auckland with a grade point average of at least 3.00 (equivalent to a C+ average) in each year of study (see Note VI).

7. The Scholarship will be awarded by the University of Auckland Council on the recommendation of a selection committee comprising the Deputy Vice Chancellor (Academic) (or nominee), the Director of Alumni Relations and Development (or nominee) and one representative of the Donor’s Advisory Committee.

8. The Scholarship will be paid directly to the relevant accommodation provider.

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 a) the terms of that scholarship, award or grant permit and b) the University of Auckland Council is informed and approves.

10. The University of Auckland Council, in consultation with the Donors Advisory Committee, 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 Disciplinary Area and/or Hall of Residence.

11. The University of Auckland Council is not obliged to make an award if in any year there is no candidate of sufficient merit.

12. The University of Auckland Council has the power to amend or vary these Regulations, in consultation with the Donor’s Advisory Committee, provided that there is no departure from the main purpose of the Scholarship.

13. Applications close with the Scholarships Office on 1 November in the year preceding the award.

14. Notes [I]-[X] below are deemed to be regulations.

Notes

I. Grafton Hall is the preferred Hall of Residence for the first year of this Scholarship. Where a place is not available at Grafton Hall, accommodation in a suitable and comparable University of Auckland Hall of Residence will be provided.

II. Suitable and comparable catered Halls of Residence are: O’Rorke Hall, University Hall and Whitaker Hall.

III. Suitable and comparable self-catered Halls of Residence are: a single room in Carlaw Park Student Village; a Studio in Unilodge Anzac or Beach; or a single room in Te Tirohanga o te Tōangaroa.

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

V. The last year of study at secondary school may be year 12 or 13.

VI. 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 your current and future academic studies, challenges and plans, and the benefit/s you 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.

VII. The Scholarship will end should the recipient cease to be enrolled at the University of Auckland or are no longer resident in a catered or non-catered University of Auckland Hall of Residence.

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. Failure to comply with this regulation will result in the termination of the Scholarship.

IX. Recipients of a Presbyterian Methodist Congregational Grafton Scholarship will be required to give undertakings that they will comply with the regulations for the Scholarship 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 Presbyterian Methodist Congregational Grafton Scholarship is not complying with these regulations, terminate
the Scholarship and require repayment of the funds received from the date of the breach.

X. Once the Donors Advisory Committee is wound up or otherwise ceases to operate for any reason all references to it and the requirement for it to be involved in any matter under these rules will be deemed deleted from these rules.