

Professor Michael Walker Award for Māori and Pacific Students

Code:	589
Faculty:	All
Applicable study:	Māori and Pacific students enrolling in a postgraduate programme at the University of Auckland
Closing date:	30 June
Tenure:	Up to one year of full-time study (or equivalent)
For:	Assistance with study
Number on offer:	Up to eight
Offer rate:	Annually
Value:	\$3,000 each

Description

The Professor Michael Walker Award for Māori and Pacific Students was established in 2009 as the Tuākana Scholarships to encourage Māori and Pacific students completing their final year of undergraduate study to enrol in postgraduate study. In 2018, the Scholarship was renamed the Professor Michael Walker Award for Māori and Pacific Students to honour the contribution of Professor Walker, the founder of the Tuākana programme, at the time of his retirement from the University of Auckland.

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 shall be known as the Professor Michael Walker Award for Māori and Pacific Students.
2. Up to eight Awards will be made annually, each for a period of one year of equivalent full-time study and will be of the value of \$3,000 each, of which four will be awarded to Māori students and four will be awarded to Pacific students.
3. The Award may be made to candidates who are enrolled full-time or part-time in the final year of an undergraduate degree programme at the University of Auckland at the time of application for the Award.
4. The Award may be made to undergraduate students who intend to enrol in a postgraduate programme at the University of Auckland in the following year.
5. The Award is tenable by Māori and Pacific students who are New Zealand citizens or permanent residents (see Note I).
6. The basis of selection will be: confirmation student is enrolled in the final year of an undergraduate degree at the time of application, academic achievement as demonstrated by a minimum grade point average (GPA) of 5.00 (B

average) in their previous year of full-time (or equivalent) study, demonstrated participation in the Tuākana programme, recommendation from the Tuākana programme co-ordinator in their area of study and a personal statement describing how the applicant's study, research and future work will benefit their respective Māori and/or Pacific Communities.

7. The Award will be made by the University of Auckland Council upon the recommendation of a Selection Committee comprising the Pro Vice-Chancellor (Māori) (or nominee), the Pro Vice-Chancellor (Pacific) (or nominee), the Kaimanaaki, the Pacific Equity Advisor and a Tuākana Network Representative.
8. The Award will be paid in one lump sum in the third week of the first semester of enrolment in a postgraduate programme. Part-time students will be paid on a pro-rata basis.
9. The Award may be held concurrently with any other scholarship, award or grant Auckland 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 recipient 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.
10. The University of Auckland Council is not obliged to make an award if in any year there is no candidate of sufficient merit.
11. The University of Auckland has the power to 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 30 June in the year preceding the award.
13. Notes [I]-[III] below are deemed to be regulations.

Notes

- I. Pacific students are defined as citizens or permanent residents of New Zealand who are of indigenous Pacific descent from any of the following islands: Samoa, American Samoa, Tonga, Cook Islands, Niue, Tokelau, Fiji, Rotuma, Solomon Islands, Vanuatu, New Caledonia, Papua New Guinea, Kiribati, Tuvalu, Palau, Marshall Islands, Federated States of Micronesia, Wallis and Futuna, Hawaii, French Polynesia, Rapanui (Easter Island).*
- II. 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 and to assist the awardee with living costs while studying. Failure to comply with this regulation will result in the termination of the Award.*
- III. Recipients of a Professor Michael Walker Award for Māori and Pacific Students 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 Professor Michael Walker Award for Māori and Pacific Students is not complying with these regulations, terminate the Award and require repayment of the funds received.*