Professor Terry Sturm Award in New Zealand and Australian Literature

**Description**

The Professor Terry Sturm Award in New Zealand and Australian Literature was established in 2009 to encourage research in New Zealand and Australian Literature at the University of Auckland. The Award has been made possible through the generosity of the family of Professor Terry Sturm and the Faculty of Arts.

**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 Terry Sturm Award in New Zealand and Australian Literature.
2. One Award will be made annually, for a period of one year, and will be of the value of $2,000.
3. The Award may be made to a student who has paid the fees, or arranged to pay the fees, for full-time enrolment in a Bachelor of Arts (Honours), a Postgraduate Diploma in Arts, a Master of Arts, a Master of Literature or a PhD in English, with a specialisation in New Zealand or Australian literature.
4. The Award is tenable by domestic and international students.
5. The basis of selection will be academic merit as assessed by the grade point average (GPA) and grade point equivalent (GPE) calculated over the most recent qualifying programme, and the quality and nature of the applicant's statement of research intent (see Note I).
6. The Award will be made upon the recommendation of a committee comprising the Deputy Head (Academic) of the School of Humanities (or nominee), the Major/Specialisation Leader in English (or nominee) and another member of academic staff from the English Major/Specialisation.
7. The Award will be paid in one instalment.
8. The Award may be held concurrently 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 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.

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

10. The University of Auckland Council has the power to amend or vary these Regulations, in consultation with the Major/Specialisation Leader in English, provided that there is no departure from the main purpose of the Award.

11. Applications close with the Scholarships Office on 4 April in the year of the award.

12. Notes [I]-[III] below are deemed to be regulations.

Notes

I. The most recent qualifying programme is defined as the most recently completed programme of study that qualifies the applicant for entry to the postgraduate programme for which they are applying. Where the most recently completed 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 the most recently completed programme is a Transitional Certificate, the qualifying programme is the Transitional Certificate and the most recently completed prior degree.

II. 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 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 Terry Sturm Award in New Zealand and Australian Literature 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 Terry Sturm Award in New Zealand and Australian Literature is not complying with these regulations, terminate the Award and require repayment of the funds received.