

# R J Mowat Memorial Award in Earth Sciences

<b>Code:</b>	175
<b>Faculty:</b>	Science
<b>Applicable study:</b>	MSc or BSc (Hons) research in Earth Sciences or Part IV of BAdvSci(Hons) in Geology
<b>Closing date:</b>	30 November 2023
<b>Tenure:</b>	One year
<b>For:</b>	Assistance
<b>Number on offer:</b>	One
<b>Offer rate:</b>	Annually
<b>Value:</b>	\$2,000

## Description

The Award was established in 1998 and is financed from a bequest to the Department of Geology, University of Auckland, from the estate of Robin James Mowat. Mr Mowat was a former seaman, and as a mature student enrolled in Stage I courses in Geology in 1981 and 1982.

The main purpose of the Award is to support postgraduate research in the Master of Science or and Bachelor of Science (Honours) research in Earth Sciences, or Part IV of a Bachelor of Advanced Science (Honours) in Geology.

## 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 will be known as the R J Mowat Memorial Award in Earth Sciences.
2. One Award will be made each year, for a period of one year, and will be to the value of \$2,000.
3. The Award will be made to a student who is enrolled full-time in a Bachelor of Science (Honours) (BSc(Hons)) or Master of Science in Earth Science (MSc), or in Part IV of a Bachelor of Advanced Science (Honours) (BAdvSci(Hons)) in Geology in the School of Environment and who is embarking on thesis or dissertation work in Earth Sciences or Geology, particularly sedimentology, stratigraphy, palaeontology or marine geology.
4. The Award is tenable by domestic and international students.
5. Selection will be based on academic merit and the quality and nature of the research proposal (see Notes I to II).
6. The Award will be made by the University of Auckland Council upon the recommendation of a Selection Committee comprising the Head of the School of Environment (or nominee), the Head of Earth Sciences (or nominee) and one other member of the academic staff of the School of Environment.
7. The Award will be made in one instalment.
8. The Award may be held concurrently with any other scholarship, award or grant where the regulations for that

scholarship, award or grant permit and where 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 provided that there is no departure from the main purpose of the Award.
11. Applications close with the Scholarships Office on 30 November in the year preceding the award.
12. Regulations [I]-[IV] are deemed to be regulations.

## Notes

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- I. For the purposes of this Award, academic achievement for students enrolling in Part IV of a BAdvSci(Hons) will be assessed as the GPA obtained over the applicant's most recent two years of full-time graded study (or equivalent). Academic merit for students enrolling in a BSci(Hons) or MSc will be assessed as the GPA/GPE calculated over most recent qualifying programme (see Note II).*
- II. 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.*
- III. 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.*
- IV. Recipients of an R J Mowat Memorial Award in Earth Sciences 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 R J Mowat Memorial Award in Earth Sciences is not complying with these Regulations, terminate the Award and require repayment of the funds received.*