R N Brothers Memorial Award

**Code:** 80  
**Faculty:** Science  
**Applicable study:** Postgraduate degree in Earth Sciences  
**Closing date:** 27 February  
**Tenure:** One year  
**For:** Assistance with field-based Research  
**Number on offer:** One  
**Offer rate:** Annually  
**Value:** Up to $5,000

### Description

The Award was established in 1988 in memory of the late Professor R N Brothers who was a student, graduate and then member of staff of the Department of Geology, including a personal chair in 1969 and the Chair in Geology from 1974. The Award is funded by donations from past and present students and staff of the Department of Geology, colleagues, friends and family.

### 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 Award will be known as the R N Brothers Memorial Award.
2. One Award will be offered annually, for a period of up to one year and will be of the value of up to $5,000. Recipients may reapply in subsequent years.
3. The Award may be made a student who has paid the fees, or arranged to pay the fees, for a postgraduate research programme in Earth Sciences, to assist with the costs of undertaking field-based geological research in New Zealand or the South West Pacific.
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) or grade point equivalent (GPE) calculated over the most recent qualifying programme and the quality and nature of the proposed research. The application should include a summary of the research project being undertaken and an estimate of costs involved in the field aspects of the research.
6. The Award will be made by the University of Auckland Council on the recommendation of a Selection Committee comprising the Head of the School of Environment (or nominee) and two academic staff contributing to the Earth Sciences programme.
7. 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.

8. Payment of the Award will normally be in two equal instalments in the third week of Semesters One and Two. On the special recommendation of the Head of School the Award may be made in one lump sum.

9. The recipient of the Award will provide a brief report on the progress of the research that the Award supported, at the end of the calendar year in which the Award was held.

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 Council has the power to amend or vary these regulations provided that there is no departure from the main purpose of the Award.

12. Applications close with the Scholarships Office on 27 February in the year of the award.

13. 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 entirety 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 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 an R N Brothers Memorial Award 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 N Brothers Memorial Award is not complying with these Regulations, terminate the Award and require repayment of the funds received from the date of the breach.