Rewi Thompson Undergraduate Scholarship in Architecture

**Description**

The Scholarship was established in 2018 in honour of the late Rewi Thompson, an alumnus of and adjunct professor at the University of Auckland’s School of Architecture and Planning, who was one of New Zealand’s leading architects and a world renowned indigenous architect. The Scholarship is funded by Architectus Bowes Clifford Thomson Ltd, an architectural studio based in New Zealand and Australia, founded by friends and colleagues from Rewi’s university days.

The main purpose of the Scholarship is to encourage and support a student of Māori descent undertaking study in Architecture at the University of Auckland.

**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 Rewi Thompson Undergraduate Scholarship in Architecture.
2. One scholarship will be awarded annually, for a period of up to one year, and will be of the value of $8,000.
3. To take up and be paid the Scholarship, the candidate must be enrolled full-time in a Bachelor of Architectural Studies at the University of Auckland.
4. The Scholarship is tenable by a Māori student who is a citizen or permanent resident of New Zealand.
5. The basis of selection will be academic merit and financial hardship. Successful applicants will have a grade point average of at least 4.70 (see Notes I-II). Applicants must state their ancestry or iwi affiliations.
6. The Scholarship will be awarded by the University of Auckland Council upon the recommendation of a Selection Committee comprising the Head of the School of Architecture and Planning (or nominee), one member of Academic Staff from the School of Architecture and Planning and one representative of the donor.
7. The Scholarship will be paid in two lump sum instalments, one in the first and one in the second semester. To be paid the second instalment, recipients must have achieved a Semester One GPA of at least 4.00 (equivalent to a B-
average).

8. The Scholarship may be held with any other award or grant as long as a) the terms of that award or grant permit and b) the University of Auckland Council is informed and approves. It is the responsibility of the recipient to declare to the Scholarships Office all other grant, award or scholarship funding received while in payment for this Scholarship.

9. The University of Auckland Council, in consultation with the donor, has the power to terminate or suspend a scholarship if it receives an unsatisfactory report on the progress of a Scholar from the Head of the School of Architecture and Planning.

10. The University of Auckland Council is not obliged to make an award if in any year there are not candidates of sufficient merit.

11. The University of Auckland, in consultation with the donor, has the power to amend or vary these regulations provided that there is no departure from the main purpose of the Scholarship.

12. Applications close with the Scholarships Office on 15 November in the year preceding the award.

13. Notes [I]-[VI] below are deemed to be Regulations.

Notes

I. For the purpose of this scholarship, academic merit for students entering Part One is based on results at level two or higher in the National Certificate of Educational Achievement (NCEA) or an equivalent qualification. For students entering Part Two, academic merit is assessed as a Scholarships grade point average (GPA) or grade point equivalent (GPE) obtained over the applicant’s first year of full-time graded study. For students entering Part Three, academic merit is assessed as a Scholarships grade point average (GPA) or grade point equivalent (GPE) obtained over the applicant’s most recent two years of full-time graded study.

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

III. Recipients of the Scholarship may be given the opportunity to undertake work experience with Architectus.

IV. 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.

V. Recipients of a Rewi Thompson Undergraduate Scholarship in Architecture will be required to give undertakings that they will comply with the regulations and will notify the Scholarships Office of any change in their enrolment, employment or funding situation.

VI. These regulations are subject to Senate and Council approval.