

Robin Oliver Tax Policy Scholarship

Code:	1056
Faculty:	Law
Applicable study:	Postgraduate study in Tax Law
Closing date:	19 March
Tenure:	One year
For:	Assistance with study
Number on offer:	One
Offer rate:	Annually
Value:	\$5,000

Description

The Scholarship was established in 2019 and is funded by the Tax Policy Charitable Trust, in recognition of Robin Oliver, a former Inland Revenue Deputy Commissioner and expert on the New Zealand tax system.

The intention of the Scholarship is to encourage and support a student to undertake postgraduate study in the area of tax law 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 Robin Oliver Tax Policy Scholarship.
2. One Scholarship will be awarded annually, for a period of up to one year and will be of the value of up to \$5,000. Payments and tenure will be pro-rated for part-time students.
3. The Scholarship may be awarded to students who meet all the requirements of these regulations and enrol full-time at the University of Auckland in postgraduate study in the Faculty of Law related to tax law.
4. The Scholarship is tenable by students who are citizens or permanent residents of New Zealand.
5. To be eligible for consideration, applicants must have a minimum grade point average (GPA) or grade point equivalent (GPE) of 7.00 (6.50 for Māori and Pacific candidates) in their most recent qualifying programme for study (see Note I).
6. The basis of selection will be academic merit as assessed by the GPA/GPE calculated over the most recent qualifying programme and a personal statement outlining the candidate's study and career aspirations relating to the area of tax law (see Note I).
7. The Scholarship will be awarded by the University of Auckland Council upon the recommendation of a Selection Committee comprising the Dean of the Faculty of Law (or nominee), one member of Academic Staff from the Faculty

- of Law nominated by the Dean of the Faculty of Law, and one representative of the Tax Policy Charitable Trust.
8. Payment will be made in one lump sum in the third week of the first semester of enrolment.
 9. The Scholarship may be held with any other scholarship, award or grant where the Regulations for that scholarship, award or grant permit and where the University of Auckland Council so approves.
 10. The University of Auckland Council, in consultation with the donor, has the power to terminate or suspend a Scholarship if it receives a report of unsatisfactory progress of a Scholar from the Associate Dean (International and Postgraduate) of the Faculty of Law.
 11. The University of Auckland Council 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 Scholarship.
 12. Applications close with the Scholarships Office on 19 March in the year of the award.
 13. Notes [I] – [IV] 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 the postgraduate programme for which they are applying. Where the qualifying 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. Students holding this Scholarship may be required to participate in promotional activities, including profiles on the Tax Policy Charitable Trust website.*
- 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 awardees programme of study. Failure to comply with this regulation will result in the termination of the Award.*
- IV. Recipients of a Robin Oliver Tax Policy Scholarship will be required to give undertakings that they will comply with the regulations for the Scholarship 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 Robin Oliver Tax Policy Scholarship is not complying with these regulations, terminate the Scholarship and require repayment of the funds received.*