Sinclair Scholarship

**Description**

Mr Thomas Bannatyne Gillies, a Judge of the Supreme Court of New Zealand, presented to the Council of the Auckland University College, in the year 1884, the sum of Stg3000 for the purpose of founding two science Scholarships, one to be called the Sinclair Scholarship, in memory of Dr Andrew Sinclair, uncle of the late Mrs Gillies, the other to be called the Gillies Scholarship, for the assistance of students experiencing financial hardship.

The Scholarship was founded for the encouragement of the study of Biological Science.

**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 Sinclair Scholarship.
2. One Scholarship will be awarded annually for a period of up to one year, and will be of the value of $3,000.
3. The Scholarship is tenable by students who were born in New Zealand and who are under 19 years of age at the time of application (see Note III).
4. To take up and be paid the Scholarship, students must be enrolled and have paid the fees, or arranged to pay the fees, for enrolment in the first year of full-time study in a Bachelor of Science or Bachelor of Science conjoint programme or a Bachelor of Advanced Science (Honours) or Bachelor of Advanced Science (Honours) conjoint programme majoring or specialising in Biology, Computational Biology or Ecology.
5. The basis of selection will be academic merit based on results in Level 3 of the National Certificate of Educational Achievement (NCEA) or an equivalent qualification and financial hardship (see Notes I to II).
6. The Scholarship will be awarded by the University of Auckland Council on the recommendation of a Selection Committee comprising the Associate Dean (Academic) of the Faculty of Science (or nominee), the Head of the School of Biological Sciences (or nominee) and an academic staff member nominated by the Associate Dean.
The Scholarship will be paid in one instalment upon award.

8. The Scholarship 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 and grant funding received and for which the awardee receives payment while also in payment for this Scholarship.

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 Scholarship.

11. Applications close with the Scholarships Office on 21 March in the year of the award.

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

Notes

I. Academic merit will be assessed on the aggregate marks for Biology plus four further subjects from Chemistry, English, Geography, Physics and Statistics.

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

III. Candidates must provide a copy of their birth certificate with their application.

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 and to assist the awardee with living costs while studying. Failure to comply with this regulation will result in the termination of the Scholarship.

V. Recipients of a Sinclair 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 Sinclair Scholarship is not complying with these regulations, terminate the Scholarship and require repayment of the funds received.