

Step Up Scholarship

Code:	1151
Faculty:	Business Engineering
Applicable study:	Women undergraduate students enrolled in the Business School or Faculty of Engineering
Closing date:	TBC
Tenure:	Up to four years
For:	Assistance with study
Number on offer:	One
Offer rate:	One-off
Value:	Up to \$8,000 pa, plus accommodation in the first year of study (see Reg. 2)

Description

The Scholarship was established in 2022 and is funded by the Henshall/Irvine Foundation, a UK registered foundation set up in 2014 by donors who have been lucky in life and wish to give back by providing financial support to tertiary students.

The main purpose of the Scholarship is to support women to study an undergraduate degree at Waipapa Taumata Rau | University of Auckland in either the Business School or Faculty of Engineering who, because of financial hardship, may not otherwise be able to undertake a university degree.

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 Step Up Scholarship.
2. One Scholarship will be awarded and will be of the value of up to \$8,000 per annum. The Scholarship will cover up to four years towards the completion of an undergraduate degree. Additional support to cover the cost of accommodation in a Waipapa Taumata Rau | University of Auckland Hall of Residence or managed residence in the first year of the study may also be awarded (see Regulation 4 and Notes I to III).
3. To be eligible for Scholarship consideration, an applicant must be i) a woman student, ii) a citizen or permanent resident of New Zealand, and iii) intending to enrol full-time in their first year of study in an undergraduate degree in either the Business School or Faculty of Engineering at Waipapa Taumata Rau | University of Auckland in the following year. Students enrolled in a conjoint degree are not eligible for consideration for this scholarship.
4. The basis of selection will be academic achievement based on results at Level 2 or higher in the National Certificate of Educational Achievement (NCEA) or an equivalent qualification for school-leavers; results from the most recent

year of tertiary study for applicants who have completed study at another institution; or results from a Foundation programme, the applicant's motivation to succeed at university and demonstrated financial hardship as assessed by a personal statement and the criteria at Note IV. Applicants who would like to be considered for the accommodation component will be asked to provide an additional personal statement on how living in accommodation would assist them and their university study.

5. The Scholarship will be awarded by the University of Auckland Council on the recommendation of a Selection Committee comprising the Associate Dean (Academic Programmes and International) of the Faculty of Business and Economics (or nominee), Associate Dean (Academic) of the Faculty of Engineering (or nominee), and a representative of the Donors.
6. To be paid the Scholarship, the awardee must i) have achieved admission to Waipapa Taumata Rau | University of Auckland with an Admissions grade point equivalent (GPE) of a least 4.00, and ii) be enrolled full-time in an undergraduate degree in either the Business School or Faculty of Engineering at Waipapa Taumata Rau | University of Auckland.
7. The Scholarship will be paid in two equal instalments in Semester One and Two, as soon as is practical after confirmation of the awardee's enrolment (that is, after the final date on which a student may add or delete courses without incurring a late enrolment fee). The accommodation component will be paid directly to Accommodation Solutions.
8. To be paid the second and subsequent instalments, the awardee will be required to maintain a grade point average (GPA) of at least 4.00 (equivalent to a B- average) in each semester of study (see Note V).
9. The Scholarship may not be held concurrently with any scholarship funded by Waipapa Taumata Rau | University of Auckland, excluding a Tier 2 or 3 University of Auckland Academic Potential Scholarship. However, it may be held 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 awardee 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 Scholarship.
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 Head of Department or School in which the recipient is enrolled.
11. The University of Auckland Council is not obliged to make an award if it is determined there is no candidate that meets the criteria and/or no candidate of sufficient merit.
12. The University of Auckland Council, in consultation with the Donors, can amend or vary these regulations provided that there is no departure from the main purpose of the Scholarship.
13. Applications close with the Scholarships Office on TBC.
14. Notes [I]-[IX] below are deemed to be Regulations.

Notes

- I. *Applicants need to make a separate application for accommodation by the relevant deadline date.*
- II. *Students who are aged 19 years or under will be eligible for catered accommodation in a single room in the following Waipapa Taumata Rau | University of Auckland Halls of Residence: Grafton Hall, O'Rorke Hall, University Hall – Towers, and Waipārūrū Hall.*
- III. *Students who are aged 19 year or over will be eligible for self-catered accommodation in the following Waipapa Taumata Rau | University of Auckland managed residences: a single room in Carlaw Park Student Village, Grafton Student Flats, Te Tirohanga o te Tōangaroa, or University Hall Apartments.*
- IV. *Financial need will be determined by a range of factors including current or past eligibility for a StudyLink Student Allowance and personal and financial circumstances. Applicants need to demonstrate that they are experiencing financial hardship and that they are struggling to meet basic living costs. Incurred debt is not evidence of financial hardship.*
- V. *For the purposes of this Scholarship, the awardee's grade point average (GPA) is based on all the courses they*

undertake in each semester of study.

- VI. If a student changes their degree programme or enrolls part-time the Scholarship will lapse.*
- VII. Awardees will be required to submit an annual report to the Scholarships Office, which will be provided to the Donors, at the end of each year of tenure, summarising their academic achievements for the year.*
- VIII. 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/or to assist the awardee with living costs while studying. Failure to comply with this regulation will result in the termination of the Scholarship.*
- IX. Awardees will be required to comply with the regulations for the Scholarship and must notify the Scholarships Office of any change in their enrolment or funding status. Waipapa Taumata Rau | University of Auckland may, in the event that it can be established that an awardee is not complying with these regulations, terminate the Scholarship and require repayment of the funds received from the date of the breach.*