Steve Britton Award

Code: 97
Faculty: Science, Arts
Applicable study: MA or MSc thesis in Geography
Closing date: By nomination
Tenure: One year
For: Assistance with study
Number on offer: One
Offer rate: Annually
Value: $1,200

Description

The Award was established by the Department of Geography in memory of Steve Britton who was a Lecturer (and later Senior Lecturer) in the Department from 1979 until his death in 1991.

The Award commemorates Steve’s work in the geography of development in the South Pacific and is intended to provide financial support for research into this or related geographical fields by masters students.

Selection process

- Nomination is made to the Scholarships Office
- The Award is made by the University of Auckland Council on the recommendation of the Head of the School of Environment

Regulations

1. The Award will be known as the Steve Britton Award.
2. The Award will have an annual value of $1,200 and will be used to cover expenses for thesis research into the Geography of the South Pacific or a related field.
3. The Award may be made each year to a student enrolled in the thesis year of an Master of Arts (MA) or Master of Science (MSc) in Geography at the University of Auckland, undertaking research into the Geography of the South Pacific or a related field.
4. The Award is tenable by domestic or international students.
5. The Award will be made by the University of Auckland Council on the recommendation of the Head of the School of Environment (or nominee), in consultation with the Head of the Geography programme.
6. Selection will be based on academic merit as assessed by the grade point average (GPA) or grade point equivalent (GPE) calculated over the most recent qualifying programme (see Note I) and the quality and nature of the thesis proposed.
7. The Award will be paid in one lump sum in the first semester of enrolment in the thesis year of an MA or MSc.
8. The University of Auckland Council is not obliged to make an award if in any year there is no candidate of sufficient merit.

9. The Steve Britton Award may be held in conjunction 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.

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 Award.

11. 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 research masters programme for which they are applying. Where the most recently completed programme is a conjoint programme the GPA/GPE will be calculated over the relevant component 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 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 a Steve Britton 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 a Steve Britton Award is not complying with these regulations, terminate the Award and require repayment of the funds received.