Taitea Undergraduate Award in Creative Learning

**Description**

The Award was established in 2020 and is funded by the John Weeks Memorial Trust in collaboration with the Auckland University Students’ Association.

The main purpose of the Award is to support students commencing creative Bachelor studies in the Faculty of Creative Arts and Industries who have demonstrated the potential to succeed but are experiencing hardships or who may have been disadvantaged due to personal circumstances.

**Selection process**

- A Selection Committee assesses the short-listed University of Auckland Scholarship applicants. These are selected from the University of Auckland Top Achiever Scholarship, University of Auckland Māori Academic Excellence Scholarship, University of Auckland Pacific Academic Excellence Scholarship, and the University of Auckland Academic Potential Scholarship – School Leavers
- Nomination is made to the Scholarships Office
- The Award is made by the University of Auckland Council on the recommendation of the Selection Committee

**Regulations**

1. The Award will be known as the Taitea Undergraduate Award in Creative Learning.
2. Two Awards will be made annually, each for a period of up to three years, and will be of the value of up to $5,000 per annum.
3. The Award may be offered to students who are citizens or permanent residents of New Zealand, currently in their final year at a New Zealand secondary school and intending to enrol full-time or part-time in a practical creative undergraduate degree programme in the Faculty of Creative Arts and Industries at the University of Auckland in the following year (See Notes I to II).
4. To take up and be paid the Award, the candidate must be enrolled and have paid the fees, or arranged to pay the fees, for full-time or part-time enrolment in a practical creative degree programme in the Faculty of Creative Arts and Industries at the University of Auckland (see Note II).
5. The basis of selection will be academic ability based on results at Level 2 or higher in the National Certificate of Educational Achievement (NCEA) or an equivalent qualification. The personal circumstances of candidates will also be taken into consideration including: the decile of the most recent secondary school attended, Māori or Pacific students, students who are the first in their family to attend university, students from a refugee background, students with disabilities, students who reside in a rural area (see Notes III to VII).

6. As a condition of tenure, recipients will be required to maintain a grade point average (GPA) of at least 3.50 (equivalent to between a C+ and B- average) in each semester of study (see Note VIII).

7. The Award will be made by the University of Auckland Council upon the recommendation of a Selection Committee comprising the Dean of the Faculty of Creative Arts and Industries (or nominee) and two additional members of academic staff of the Faculty (appointed by the Dean).

8. The Award will be paid in two equal instalments each year, in the third week of Semester One and the third week of Semester Two.

9. The Award may not be held concurrently with a University of Auckland Top Achiever Scholarship, University of Auckland Māori Academic Excellence Scholarship, a University of Auckland Pacific Academic Excellence Scholarship, a University of Auckland Academic Potential Scholarship or a Faculty of Creative Arts and Industries Entry Level Undergraduate 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 recipient to declare to the Scholarships Office all other scholarships, awards or grant funding received while also in payment for this Award.

10. The University of Auckland Council, in consultation with the Auckland University Students’ Association, has the power to terminate or suspend an Award if it receives a report of unsatisfactory progress of a Scholar from the Associate Dean (Academic) of the Faculty of Creative Arts and Industries.

11. The University of Auckland Council is not obliged to make an award if in any year there are no candidates of sufficient academic merit.

12. The University of Auckland Council, in consultation with the Auckland University Students’ Association, has the power to amend or vary these regulations provided that there is no departure from the main purpose of the Award.

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

Notes

I. Candidates are nominated from short-listed candidates from the University of Auckland Top Achiever Scholarship, the University of Auckland Māori Academic Excellence Scholarship, the University of Auckland Pacific Academic Excellence Scholarship and the University of Auckland Academic Potential Scholarship – School Leavers, who are intending to enrol for study in a Bachelor of Architectural Studies, Bachelor of Dance Studies, Bachelor of Design, Bachelor of Fine Arts, Bachelor of Music or associated conjoint degree in the Faculty of Creative Arts and Industries, with a practical creative specialisation (see Note II).

II. Practical creative degree programmes include the Bachelor of Architectural Studies, Bachelor of Dance Studies, Bachelor of Design, Bachelor of Fine Arts, and the Bachelor of Music specialising in either Creative Practice: Classical; Creative Practice: Composition; Creative Practice: Jazz or Creative Practice: Popular Music.

III. Pacific applicants are defined as citizens or permanent residents of New Zealand who are of indigenous Pacific descent from any of the following islands: Samoa, American Samoa, Tonga, Cook Islands, Niue, Tokelau, Fiji, Rotuma, Solomon Islands, Vanuatu, New Caledonia, Papua New Guinea, Kiribati, Tuvalu, Palau, Marshall Islands, Federated States of Micronesia, Wallis and Futuna, Hawaii, French Polynesia, Rapanui (Easter Island).

IV. For the purposes of this Award, ‘first in family’ to attend university means the first member in their family, including parents and siblings, to enrol at a university. Adoptive and step parents and siblings are considered part of the nuclear family where they have lived with the applicant for the previous five or more years.

V. Refugee background refers to students who have themselves or whose parents/primary guardian(s) have been granted refuge in New Zealand.

VI. For the purposes of this Award, students with disabilities refers to students with both visible and invisible
impairments including: blind and low vision, Deaf and hearing impaired, head injury, ongoing medical conditions, diagnosed mental health conditions, physical/mobility impairments, speech impairments, Autism Spectrum Disorder, specific learning disabilities (e.g. dyslexia, dyspraxia, dyscalculia).

VII. For the purpose of this Award, a rural area is defined as an area outside the local authority boundaries of city councils in Auckland, Hamilton, Tauranga, Wellington, Porirua, Lower Hutt, Upper Hutt, Christchurch, and Dunedin.

VIII. For the purpose of this Award, the recipient’s grade point average (GPA) is based on all the courses they undertake in each semester of study.

IX. Except in cases where there are compelling medical reasons or adverse personal circumstances beyond a student’s control, the uptake of awards cannot be deferred. Students who are offered a Taitea Undergraduate Award in Creative Learning but who do not take it up in the year of offer may request that their application be reconsidered in the intake of applications for the year immediately following.

X. Recipients must be enrolled continuously in their programme of study. Deferrals for students who have already commenced their degree will not usually be approved unless there are compelling medical or adverse personal circumstances beyond the student’s control.

XI. Deferral requests must be made in writing to the Scholarships Office.

XII. If a student enrols at another tertiary institution in New Zealand, the Award will lapse.

XIII. As a condition of tenure, recipients may be required to participate in secondary schools recruitment and engagement activity undertaken by the Faculty of Creative Arts and Industries.

XIV. 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 awardee’s programme of study. Failure to comply with this regulation will result in the termination of the Award.

XV. Recipients of a Taitea Undergraduate Award in Creative Learning 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 Taitea Undergraduate Award in Creative Learning is not complying with these Regulations, terminate the Award and require repayment of the funds received from the date of the breach.

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