Teacher Education in Schools Scholarship

Description

The Scholarship was established in 2021 and is funded by a number of philanthropic donors and supported by South Auckland partnership schools.

The main purpose of the Scholarship is to support initial teacher education students gain extensive practical work experience in the partnership schools while completing their Graduate Diploma of Teaching (Secondary) online.

Selection process

- Nomination is made to the Scholarships Office
- 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 Teacher Education in Schools Scholarship.
2. Scholarships will be awarded annually, each for a period of up to one year and will be of the value of up to $10,000 each.
3. To be eligible for Scholarship consideration, a candidate must i) be a citizen or permanent resident of New Zealand, ii) be enrolled or enrolling full-time in a Graduate Diploma of Teaching (Secondary) (Online) in the Faculty of Education and Social Work at the University of Auckland Waipapa Taumata Rau, and iii) have been accepted into the Teacher Education in Schools programme (see Note I). A grade point average (GPA) or grade point equivalent (GPE) of 5.00 in the most recent qualifying programme is required for Scholarship consideration (see Note I).
4. The basis of selection will be academic achievement as assessed by the GPA/GPE calculated over the most recent qualifying programme, and the candidate’s aspiration to a career in teaching and interest in education in South Auckland as assessed by the application for admission, including performance in interviews.
5. The Scholarship will be awarded by the University of Auckland Council on the recommendation of a Selection Committee comprising three academic staff members from the Graduate Diploma in Teaching (Secondary) (Online) programme in the Faculty of Education and Social Work nominated by the Dean of the Faculty of Education and Social Work.
6. To be paid the Scholarship, the awardee must be i) enrolled full-time in a Graduate Diploma of Teaching (Secondary) (Online) in the Faculty of Education and Social Work and ii) participating in the Teacher Education in Schools programme at a partnership school.

7. The Scholarship will be paid as a fortnightly stipend. Payment will commence 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).

8. The Scholarship 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.

9. 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 Initial Teacher Education.

10. 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.

11. The University of Auckland Waipapa Taumata Rau, in consultation with the donors, can amend or vary these regulations provided that there is no departure from the main purpose of the Scholarship.

12. 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 Graduate Diploma of Teaching (Secondary). 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.

II. 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.

III. Awardees will be required to give undertakings that they will comply with the regulations for the Scholarship and must notify the Scholarships Office of any change in their enrolment or funding status. The University of Auckland Waipapa Taumata Rau 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.

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