The Kate Edger Educational Charitable Trust Vinka Marinovich Award in Engineering

**Description**

The Award was established in 2016 and is financed by a bequest from the estate of Vinka Marinovich, in memory of her brother who passed away while a student of Engineering at the University of Auckland.

The main purpose of the Award is to support women enrolled in undergraduate or postgraduate study in the Faculty of Engineering at the University of Auckland.

**Selection process**

- Application is made to the Scholarships Office
- A Selection Committee assesses the applications
- The Award is made by the University of Auckland Council on the recommendation of The Kate Edger Educational Charitable Trust.

**Regulations**

1. The Award will be known as The Kate Edger Educational Charitable Trust Vinka Marinovich Award in Engineering.
2. Two Awards will be made annually, each for a period of one year, and will be of the value of up to $2,000 each.
3. To take up and be paid the Award, candidates must be enrolled and have paid the fees, or arranged to pay the fees, for full-time enrolment in Part III or IV of a Bachelor of Engineering (Honours), in a Master of Engineering, Master of Operations Research, Master of Engineering Studies, Master of Energy, Master of Engineering Management, Master of Disaster Management or PhD in Engineering.
4. The Award is tenable by women students who are citizens or permanent residents of New Zealand.
5. The basis of selection will be academic merit, demonstrated financial need and a personal statement outlining the applicant's aspirations for the future and any special circumstances for consideration (see Notes I to IV).
6. The shortlisting of applicants will be undertaken by a Selection Committee comprising the Chair of the Scholarships Office.
Committee (or nominee) and the Dean of the Faculty of Engineering (or nominee). Final awarding will be made by the University of Auckland Council upon the recommendation of The Kate Edger Educational Charitable Trust.

7. The Award will be paid in one instalment in the third week of Semester One.
8. The Award may be held concurrently with any other scholarship, award or grant as long as a) the terms of that scholarship, award or grant permit and b) the University of Auckland Council is informed and approves.
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, in consultation with the Donor, provided that there is no departure from the main purpose of the Awards.
11. Applications close with the Scholarships Office on 14 February in the year of the award.
12. Notes [I]-[VIII] below are deemed to be regulations.

Notes

I. For the purpose of this Award, academic merit for students enrolled in Part III or Part IV of the Bachelor of Engineering (Honours) will be assessed as a Scholarships grade point average (GPA) or grade point equivalent (GPE) obtained over the applicant’s most recent two years of full-time graded study (or equivalent). Academic merit for students enrolled in a masters or PhD programme will be assessed as the GPA/GPE calculated over the most recent qualifying programme (see Note II).

II. The most recent qualifying programme is defined as the most recently completed programme of study that qualifies the applicant for entry to the postgraduate programme for which they are applying.

III. Special circumstances may include personal or family circumstances the applicant deems relevant to their application.

IV. Financial need will be determined by a range of factors including previous or current eligibility for a StudyLink Student Allowance, and personal and financial circumstances.

V. Failure to complete two full-time consecutive semesters of study, or up to 12 months of academic enrolment in the case of PhD students, will require a full refund of the value of the award. Recipients who are unable to complete their studies due to compelling circumstances must apply in writing to the Manager of the Scholarships Office for special consideration before the end of the applicable semester or academic year.

VI. Recipients of the Award will be required to submit a brief report to the Scholarships Office at the end of their year of study.

VII. Payments under the terms of the 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.

VIII. Recipients of The Kate Edger Educational Charitable Trust Vinka Marinovich Award in Engineering 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 The Kate Edger Educational Charitable Trust Vinka Marinovich Award in Engineering is not complying with these regulations, terminate the Award and require repayment of the funds received.