

# University of Auckland Academic Potential Scholarship - School Leavers

<b>Code:</b>	903
<b>Faculty:</b>	All
<b>Applicable study:</b>	First three full-time years of an undergraduate degree programme at the University of Auckland
<b>Closing date:</b>	20 August
<b>Tenure:</b>	Three years
<b>For:</b>	Accommodation and/or study assistance
<b>Number on offer:</b>	Up to 100
<b>Offer rate:</b>	Annually
<b>Value:</b>	Up to \$20,000 paid over three years (see Reg. 2)

## Description

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The Scholarship was established in 2016 and is funded by the University of Auckland.

The University of Auckland is committed to providing a safe, inclusive and equitable study environment for all students who have the potential to succeed in a university of high international standing.

The University of Auckland Academic Potential Scholarship acknowledges that some talented students may face significant barriers to tertiary education, and take into account a number of factors that can impact on an individual's ability to participate at university. They recognise students who have achieved academically, but are experiencing hardships or who may have been disadvantaged due to their personal circumstances.

## Selection process

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- Application is made to the Scholarships Office
- A Review Committee assesses the applications
- The Scholarship is awarded by the University of Auckland Council on the recommendation of the Selection Committee

## Regulations

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1. The Scholarship will be known as the University of Auckland Academic Potential Scholarship.
2. Up to 100 Scholarships will be awarded annually, each for the first three years of the Scholar's undergraduate degree. The value of the Scholarship ranges from \$6,000 to \$20,000 (see Note I) and is payable over three years. Awards are made in three different tiers, and the University of Auckland Review committee will determine under which tier a successful applicant will be awarded.
3. Tier 1 Scholarships will be of the value of up to \$20,000 payable over three years. The Scholarships will cover the full costs for the first year of catered accommodation in a standard room in a University of Auckland Hall of Residence.

The cost will be paid directly to the relevant Halls of Residence (see Notes II-IV). The balance of the award will be paid, in years two and three as lump sums in Week 3 of Semesters 1 and 2. Only students with an NCEA rank score of 240 (equivalent to a CIE rank score of 300 or an IB predicted score of 32) or higher may be considered for an Academic Potential Tier 1 scholarship.

4. Tier 2 Scholarships will be of the value of up to \$10,000 payable over three years. In the first year of tenure, recipients will receive \$7,000 paid in two lump sums in Week 3 of Semesters One and Two. The balance of the Scholarship will be paid in two instalments per year, in years two and three. Only students with an NCEA rank score of 220 (equivalent to a CIE rank score of 260 or an IB predicted score of 29) or higher may be considered for an Academic Potential Tier 2 Scholarship.
5. Tier 3 Scholarships will be of the value of up to \$6,000 payable over three years. Recipients will receive \$2,000 per year paid in two instalments, one in Semester One and one in Semester Two of eligible enrolment. Students must have a minimum NCEA rank score (obtained from study last year) of 200. This is equivalent to a CIE rank score of 200 and a predicted score of 27 for IB students.
6. The Scholarship will be offered to citizens or permanent residents of New Zealand, currently in their final year of study at a New Zealand secondary school and intending to enrol in a full-time degree programme at the University of Auckland in the following year. Applications may also be considered from students who have studied at least until the end of Year 11 at a New Zealand secondary school and who, at the time of application are studying overseas in either an NCEA, IB or CIE programme, or who have completed an NCEA, IB or CIE programme within the year of application. Māori and Pacific candidates intending to enrol in a Certificate of Health Sciences followed by an undergraduate degree programme at the University of Auckland may also be considered for the Scholarship (see Note V).
7. The initial 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 applicants will also be taken in to consideration including: demonstrated financial need, the decile of the most recent secondary school attended, if the applicant is the first in their family to attend university, if the applicant comes from a refugee background, if the student has a disability and if the applicant resides in a rural area (see Notes VII to IX).
8. To go into payment of a Tier 1 Scholarship, the awardee must gain admission to the University of Auckland with an NCEA rank score of at least 240, a CIE rank score of at least 300 or an IB score of at least 32.
9. To go into payment of a Tier 2 Scholarship, the awardee must gain admission to the University of Auckland with an NCEA rank score of at least 220, a CIE rank score of at least 260 or an IB score of at least 29.
10. To go into payment of a Tier 3 Scholarship, the awardee must gain admission to the University of Auckland with an NCEA rank score of at least 200, a CIE rank score of at least 200 or an IB score of at least 27.
11. The Scholarship will be awarded by the University of Auckland Council on the recommendation of a Review Committee comprising the Pro Vice-Chancellor (Equity) (or nominee), the Director of the Schools Partnership Office (or nominee) and two Academic staff representatives nominated by the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic). In addition, all awarding recommendations will be endorsed by the Entry Level Review Committee.
12. As a condition of tenure recipients will be required to undertake full-time study for a degree at the University of Auckland and maintain a grade point average of at least 3.50 in each year of study (see Notes X to XVI).
13. The starting date for Scholarship funding will usually be Semester 1 in the year immediately following Year 13 or the completion of an approved pathway programme. Postponement to Semester 2 must be requested from the Scholarships Office in writing (see Notes XI to XVI).
14. A University of Auckland Academic Potential Scholarship may not be held concurrently with a University of Auckland Top Achiever Scholarship, University of Auckland Pacific Academic Excellence Scholarship or a University of Auckland Māori Academic Excellence Scholarship. However, it may be held with any other study award or grant where the regulations for that award or grant permit and where the University of Auckland Council is informed and so approves.
15. The University of Auckland Council is not obliged to make the full number of awards if in any year there are not candidates of sufficient merit.
16. The University of Auckland has power to amend or vary these regulations provided that there is no departure from

the main purpose of the Scholarship.

17. Applications close with the Scholarships Office on 20 August in the year preceding the award.

18. Notes [I]-[XVII] below are deemed to be Regulations.

## Notes

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- I. *The value of the scholarship is determined by the tier awarded.*
- II. *University of Auckland Halls of Residence include: University Hall, O'Rorke Hall, Whitaker Hall, Grafton Hall and Waipārūrū Hall.*
- III. *All students will be required to accept and take up a place in a University of Auckland Hall of Residence as a condition of holding a University of Auckland Academic Potential Tier 1 Scholarship. Exceptions to the requirement to take up the accommodation component will be considered only under exceptional circumstances and on a case by case basis.*
- IV. *Students need to make a separate application for University accommodation.*
- V. *Applicants for the University of Auckland Academic Potential Scholarship must be in their final year at secondary school. Students who wish to take a gap year or who do not intend to enrol at University next year are required to apply for this Scholarship while in their final year of school.*
- VI. *Prior to the first scholarship payment, Tier 1 and Tier 2 Scholarship recipients will be asked to provide evidence of their financial circumstances. This will be via confirmation of their eligibility for a StudyLink Student Allowance. If a recipient is not eligible for a Student Allowance but has exceptional circumstances, an appeal may be made in writing outlining the student's circumstances to the Manager of the Scholarships Office. Referee endorsement may be requested.*
- VII. *For the purpose of this Scholarship, 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 Scholarship, '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.*
- IX. *Refugee background refers to students who have themselves or whose parents/primary guardian(s) have been granted refuge in New Zealand.*
- X. *For the purposes of this Scholarship the recipient's grade point average (GPA) is based on all the courses they undertake in each year of study. A GPA of 3.50 is equivalent to between a C+ and B- average.*
- XI. *Students intending to commence study in Semester 2 are advised to seek academic advice from their faculty and to enrol in their proposed courses well before Semester 1 commences.*
- XII. *Except in cases where there are compelling medical reasons or adverse personal circumstances beyond a student's control, the uptake of scholarships cannot be deferred. Students who are offered a University of Auckland Academic Potential Scholarship 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.*
- XIII. *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.*
- XIV. *Deferral requests must be made in writing to the Scholarships Office.*
- XV. *If a student enrolls at another tertiary institution in New Zealand, the Scholarship will lapse.*
- XVI. *Recipients who take up this Scholarship but do not complete at least four semesters of study at the University of Auckland or who withdraw their enrolment in any semester after payment has been made, will be required to pay back the full sum of monies received.*
- XVII. *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. Failure to comply with this regulation will result in the termination of the Scholarship.*