

University of Auckland Academic Potential Scholarship - School Leavers

Code:	903
Faculty:	All
Applicable study:	First three full-time years of an undergraduate degree programme at the University of Auckland Waipapa Taumata Rau
Closing date:	24 August 2022
Tenure:	Three years
For:	Accommodation and/or study assistance
Number on offer:	Up to 100
Offer rate:	Annually
Value:	Three tiers (see Regs. 2 to 5)

Description

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

The University of Auckland Waipapa Taumata Rau 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 takes 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 who are experiencing hardships or who may have been disadvantaged due to their personal circumstances.

Selection process

- 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 Review Committee

Regulations

1. The Scholarship will be known as the University of Auckland Academic Potential Scholarship – School Leavers.
2. Up to 100 Scholarships will be awarded annually, each for the first three years of the Scholar's undergraduate degree. Awards are made in three different tiers, and the Review Committee will determine under which tier a successful applicant will be awarded (see Note I).
3. A Tier 1 Scholarship will cover the costs of the first year of catered accommodation in a single room in a University of Auckland Waipapa Taumata Rau Hall of Residence plus \$4,000 paid in years two and three, in two lump sums in Semester One and Two (see Notes I to IV).

4. A Tier 2 Scholarship 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 Semester One and Two. The balance of the Scholarship will be paid in two instalments per year, in years two and three.
5. A Tier 3 Scholarship 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, in Semester One and Two.
6. To be eligible for Scholarship consideration, an applicant must be i) a citizen or permanent resident of New Zealand, ii) currently enrolled in their final year of study at a New Zealand secondary school or kura, and iii) intending to enrol full-time in an undergraduate degree at the University of Auckland Waipapa Taumata Rau in the following year (see Note V). 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 Waipapa Taumata Rau may also be considered for the Scholarship. A minimum NCEA rank score (obtained from study last year) of 240, a CIE rank score of 300, or a predicted IB score of 32, or higher is required for Tier 1 Scholarship consideration, a minimum NCEA rank score (obtained from study last year) of 220, a CIE rank score of 260, or a predicted IB score of 29, or higher is required for Tier 2 Scholarship consideration, and a minimum NCEA rank score (obtained from study last year) of 200, a CIE rank score of 200, or a predicted IB score of 27 is required for Tier 3 Scholarship consideration.
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 following criterion may also inform selection: demonstrated leadership potential, achievement in academic, sports or arts competitions, recognition within the community and evidence of sustained academic mentoring. The personal circumstances of applicants will also be taken into 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 VI to X).
8. 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 Associate Director - Schools and Community Engagement (or nominee) and two Academic staff representatives nominated by the Pro Vice-Chancellor Education. In addition, all awarding recommendations will be endorsed by the Entry Level Review Committee.
9. To be paid a Tier 1 Scholarship, awardees must i) achieve admission to the University of Auckland Waipapa Taumata Rau 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, ii) enrol full-time in an undergraduate degree or Certificate in Health Sciences (see Regulation 12), and iii), only where the applicant was considered under the demonstrated financial need criteria, provide confirmation of their eligibility for a StudyLink Student Allowance (see Notes XI to XIV).
10. To be paid a Tier 2 Scholarship, awardees must i) achieve admission to the University of Auckland Waipapa Taumata Rau 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, ii) enrol full-time in an undergraduate degree or Certificate in Health Sciences (see Regulation 12), and iii), only where the applicant was considered under the demonstrated financial need criteria, provide confirmation of their eligibility for a StudyLink Student Allowance (see Notes XI to XIV).
11. To be paid a Tier 3 Scholarship, awardees must i) achieve admission to the University of Auckland Waipapa Taumata Rau 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, ii) enrol full-time in an undergraduate degree or Certificate in Health Sciences (see Regulation 12, and Notes XI to XIV).
12. Awardees who are directed to enrol in a Tertiary Foundation Certificate or a Certificate in Health Sciences prior to enrolling in an undergraduate degree may be eligible for consideration to hold the Scholarship on a case-by-case basis at the time of uptake.
13. The starting date for Scholarship funding will be either Semester One or Semester Two, in accordance with the awardee's enrolment, in the year following the final year of secondary school or kura study (see Notes XII to XIV).
14. The accommodation component of a Tier 1 Scholarship will be paid directly to the relevant Hall of Residence in the

first year, and \$4,000 will be paid in four equal lump sums in Semester One and Two in years two and three as soon as is practical after confirmation of full-time enrolment after the final date on which a student may add or delete courses without incurring a late enrolment fee.

15. Tier 2 and Tier 3 Scholarships will be paid in two lump sums in Semester One and Two in each of years one, two and three as soon as is practical after confirmation of full-time enrolment after the final date on which a student may add or delete courses without incurring a late enrolment fee.
16. As a condition of tenure, awardees will be required to i) enrol full-time in a degree, or the Certificate in Health Sciences, followed by degree level study, at the University of Auckland Waipapa Taumata Rau and achieve a passing grade in all courses in each semester of study (see Notes XIV to XVII).
17. 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, a University of Auckland Māori Academic Excellence Scholarship, a University of Auckland Waka Moana Scholarship or a University of Auckland Vaka Moana Scholarship. However, it may be held concurrently with any other scholarship award or grant where the regulations for that scholarship, award or grant permit and where the University of Auckland Council is informed and so 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.
18. The University of Auckland Council is not obliged to make the full number of awards if it is determined there are no candidates that meet the criteria and/or no candidates of sufficient merit.
19. The University of Auckland Waipapa Taumata Rau can amend or vary these regulations provided that there is no departure from the main purpose of the Scholarship.
20. Applications close with the Scholarships Office on 24 August in the year preceding the award.
21. Notes [I]-[XIX] below are deemed to be Regulations.

Notes

- I. *The value of the scholarship is determined by the tier awarded.*
- II. *University of Auckland Waipapa Taumata Rau Halls of Residence are: Grafton Hall, O'Rorke Hall, University Hall - Towers, and Waipārūrū Hall.*
- III. *All awardees who accept a Tier 1 Scholarship will be required to accept and take up a place in a University of Auckland Waipapa Taumata Rau 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 by the relevant deadline date.*
- V. *A University of Auckland Academic Potential Scholarship - School Leavers must be applied for in the final year of study at a New Zealand secondary school or kura. Students who wish to take a gap year or who do not intend to enrol at university directly after completing their final year are required to apply for this Scholarship while in their final year of secondary study.*
- VI. *Financial need will be determined by a range of factors including eligibility for a StudyLink Student Allowance, combined parental income, and other personal financial circumstances.*
- VII. *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.*
- VIII. *For the purpose of this Scholarship, refugee background refers to students who have themselves or whose parents/primary guardian(s) have been granted refuge in New Zealand.*
- IX. *For the purposes of this Scholarship, a disability refers to 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).*

- X. *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.*
- XI. *If an awardee 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.*
- XII. *Students intending to commence study in Semester Two are advised to seek academic advice from their faculty and to enrol in their proposed courses well before Semester One commences.*
- XIII. *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. Deferral requests must be made in writing to the Scholarships Office.*
- XIV. *If a student enrolls at another tertiary institution in New Zealand or overseas, the Scholarship will lapse.*
- XV. *Awardees 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. Deferral requests must be made in writing to the Scholarships Office.*
- XVI. *The awardee's GPA is based on all courses they undertake in each semester of study. A passing GPA is 1.00, equivalent to a C- average.*
- XVII. *Awardees who take up this Scholarship but do not complete at least four semesters of study at the University of Auckland Waipapa Taumata Rau 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.*
- XVIII. *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.*
- XIX. *Awardees will be required to 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.*