University of Auckland Languages and Cultures Study Abroad Award

**Description**

The Award was established in 1996 for the purpose of enabling students of Chinese, French, German, Italian, Japanese, Korean, Russian and Spanish to undertake a period of formal study or internship for credit (minimum of four weeks) in a country where the language is spoken as the first language, thereby providing an opportunity for cultural immersion and first-hand experience of the language, and to provide additional encouragement to pursue study at postgraduate level in languages and literatures. The Award is funded by the Faculty of Arts.

**Selection process**

- Application is made to the Scholarships Office
- A Selection Committee assesses the applications
- The Selection Committee makes use of ranked nominations from the heads of each language section
- 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 University of Auckland Languages and Cultures Study Abroad Award.
2. The Award will be made twice a year, and will be of the value of up to $2,000. Subject to the availability of funds, the value may be supplemented upon the recommendation of the Head of School concerned.
3. The Award will be open to students of the University of Auckland who, for the duration of the Award, are enrolled part or full-time and who have paid the fees, or have arranged to pay the fees for a Bachelor of Arts (BA) majoring in a foreign language, Asian Studies or European Studies, or for a Bachelor of Arts (Honours) (BA(Hons)) degree, Postgraduate Diploma in Arts (PGDipArts) or Master of Arts degree majoring in a foreign language, Asian Studies, European Studies or Translation Studies, or the Diploma in Languages (DipLan). In the case of third-year BA students, preference may be given to those planning to enrol for a BA(Hons) or MA.
4. Native speakers of the language are ineligible to apply.
5. Previous holders of the Award are eligible to reapply if the subsequent period of formal study is to be in a country.
6. The Award will be made by the University of Auckland Council upon the recommendation of a Selection Committee comprising the Deputy Head (Academic) of the School of Cultures, Languages and Linguistics and the Deputy Head (Academic) of the School of Humanities. The Selection Committee will first have sought ranked nominations from the Discipline Convenors of each disciplinary area from which applications are received.

7. Selection will be based on academic merit, and the quality and relevance of the study abroad proposal submitted with the application. All such proposals and arrangements for credit must have the prior approval of the Head of the School concerned and are subject to final approval by the Dean of Arts (see Note I).

8. The Award may not be held concurrently with a Prime Minister’s Scholarship for Asia or a Prime Minister’s Scholarship for Latin America, however, it may be held 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. Following the study abroad, Scholars must produce proof from the host institution of completion of study to a satisfactory standard and submit a written report to the Head of School at the University of Auckland.

10. Applications close with the Scholarships Office on 30 April and 30 September in the year of the award.

Notes

For the purpose of this Award, academic merit is defined 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.