University of Auckland Summer Start Scholarship

**Description**

The Scholarship was established in 2020 and is funded by the University of Auckland.

The main purpose of the Scholarship is to financially support students from outside the Auckland area, and students from within the Auckland area where their travel time to the city campus takes more than one hour each way or where the travelling time and/or distance is determined to be disproportionately disadvantageous to the student, who are attending university for the first time, having left secondary school or kura in the previous two years. This approach reflects the University’s strategic recruitment goal to provide equal opportunities to all who have the potential to succeed in a university of high international standing.

**Selection process**

- Application is made to the Scholarships Office
- A Selection Committee assesses the applications
- 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 University of Auckland Summer Start Scholarship.
2. Up to 100 Scholarships will be awarded and will cover the cost of accommodation in a single room in Waipārūrū – Whitaker Block for the duration of Summer School 2022 (see Notes I to II).
3. To be eligible for Scholarship consideration, applicants must be i) a citizen or permanent resident of New Zealand, ii) normally resident outside the Auckland metropolitan area or within the Auckland metropolitan area where their travel time to the city campus would take more than one hour each way or where travelling time and/or distance are determined to be disproportionally disadvantageous to the applicant (see Note II), iii) currently enrolled in Year 13 at a New Zealand secondary school or kura or have completed Year 13 at a New Zealand secondary school or kura in the year prior, or taken a gap year in 2021 and iv) planning to enrol in Summer School and take part in the Summer Start programme, the Tōia ki Waipapa – Unibound Māori programme or the UniBound Summer – Pacific programme at the University of Auckland, followed by full-time degree study at the University of Auckland in Semester One (see Code: 1088
Faculty: All
Applicable study: Summer Start & UniBound programme
Closing date: TBC
Tenure: Summer School 2022
For: Accommodation
Number on offer: 100
Offer rate: One-off
Value: Accommodation in Waipārūrū – Whitaker Block for duration of Summer School 2022

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The 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 and the quality of a personal statement outlining how an accommodation scholarship would benefit the applicant. The personal circumstances of applicants will also be taken into consideration including, but not limited to, Māori ancestry, Pacific ancestry, demonstrated financial need, if the applicant comes from a refugee background, if the applicant is the first in their family to attend university, if the applicant has a disability, or if the applicant resides in a rural area (see Notes IV to IX).

The Scholarship will be awarded by the University of Auckland Council upon the recommendation of a Selection Committee comprising the Pro Vice-Chancellor (Education) (or nominee), the Programme Director (Summer Start) (or nominee) and the Director - Schools Partnership Office (or nominee).

To be paid the Scholarship, awardees must i) be accepted into and participate in either the Summer Start programme, the Tōia ki Waipapa – Unibound Māori programme or the UniBound Summer – Pacific programme, and ii) enrol in one Summer School course (see Note X).

Accommodation costs will be paid directly to the Hall of Residence.

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VIII. Refugee background refers to students who have themselves or whose parents/primary guardian(s) have been granted refuge in New Zealand.

IX. 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.

X. If a student enrols at another tertiary institution in New Zealand, the scholarship will lapse.

XI. Recipients who take up this Scholarship but do not enrol in and complete Semester One 2021 study at the University of Auckland or who withdraw their enrolment in Summer School after payment has been made or withdraw from study during Semester One, will be required to pay back the full sum of monies received.

XII. 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 at the University of Auckland and to assist the awardee with living costs while studying. Failure to comply with this regulation will result in the termination of the Scholarship.

XIII. Recipients of a University of Auckland Summer Start Scholarship will be required to give undertakings that they will comply with the regulations for the Scholarship 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 a University of Auckland Summer Start Scholarship is not complying with these regulations, terminate the Scholarship and require repayment of the funds received from the date of the breach.