

University of Auckland Top Achiever Scholarship

Code:	900
Faculty:	All
Applicable study:	First year of full-time study for an undergraduate degree programme at the University of Auckland
Closing date:	20 August
Tenure:	One year
For:	Accommodation and study assistance
Number on offer:	Up to 250
Offer rate:	Annually
Value:	\$20,000 comprising a guaranteed funded place in University of Auckland catered accommodation and two lump sum payments (see Regs. 2 & 3)

Description

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

The main purpose of the Scholarship is to recognise and reward exceptional academic performance combined with outstanding sporting, artistic, cultural and / or leadership achievements. The provision of University accommodation is designed to provide the best student experience and promote excellent academic outcomes.

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 Committee

Regulations

1. The Scholarship shall be known as the University of Auckland Top Achiever Scholarship.
2. Up to 250 Scholarships will be awarded annually, each for a period of up to one year, and will be of a maximum value of \$20,000 each.
3. The Scholarship will cover the full cost of the first year of catered accommodation in a standard room in a University of Auckland Hall of Residence. This cost will be paid directly to the relevant Halls of Residence (see Notes I to III). The balance will be paid as two lump sums, in Week 3 of Semesters 1 and 2.
4. The Scholarship will be offered to students who are citizens or permanent residents of New Zealand, currently in their final year at a New Zealand secondary school and intending to enrol full-time in a degree 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 at the University of

Auckland may also be considered for the Scholarship (See Note IV).

5. The initial basis of selection will be outstanding academic ability based on results at Level 2 or higher in the National Certificate of Educational Achievement (NCEA) or an equivalent qualification. Other selection criteria include demonstrated leadership potential, achievement in academic, sports or arts competitions, recognition within the community and evidence of sustained academic mentoring.
6. To go into payment of the Scholarship, applicants must achieve admission to the University of Auckland with an NCEA rank score of at least 270, a CIE rank score of at least 330 or an IB score of at least 36, which are all equivalent to a University of Auckland entry grade point equivalent (GPE) of 6.00.
7. As a condition of tenure, recipients will be required to enrol full-time in an undergraduate degree at the University of Auckland and maintain a grade point average (GPA) of at least 6.00 in each semester of study (see Notes V to VI).
8. The Scholarship will be awarded by the University of Auckland Council upon the recommendation of a Review Committee comprising the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic) (or nominee), Pro Vice-Chancellor (Equity) (or nominee), Pro Vice-Chancellor (Māori) (or nominee), Director for Pacific Studies (or nominee), Director Academic Services (or nominee), Director Schools Partnership Office (or nominee) and two Academic staff representatives nominated by the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic).
9. The starting date for Scholarship funding will be Semester 1 or Semester 2, in accordance with the recipient's enrolment, in the year immediately following the final year of secondary study (see Notes VI to XI).
10. A University of Auckland Top Achiever Scholarship may not be held concurrently with a University of Auckland Māori Academic Excellence Scholarship, a University of Auckland Pacific Academic Excellence Scholarship or a University of Auckland Academic Potential Scholarship. However, it may be held with any other award or grant as long as a) the terms of that award or grant permit and b) the University of Auckland Council is informed and approves. It is the responsibility of the recipient to declare to the Scholarships Office all other grant, award or scholarship funding received while in payment for this Scholarship.
11. 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.
12. The University of Auckland has the power to amend or vary these regulations provided that there is no departure from the main purpose of the Scholarship.
13. Applications close with the Scholarships Office on 20 August of the year preceding the award.
14. Notes [I]-[XII] below are deemed to be Regulations.

Notes

- I. University of Auckland Halls of Residence include: University Hall, O'Rorke Hall, Whitaker Hall, Grafton Hall and Waipārūrū Hall.*
- II. All awardees who accept the scholarship will be required to take up a place in a University of Auckland Hall of Residence as a condition of holding a University of Auckland Top Achiever 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.*
- III. Students need to make a separate application for University accommodation by the relevant deadline date.*
- IV. A University of Auckland Top Achiever Scholarship must be applied for in the final secondary school year. Students who intend to take a gap year or do not intend to enrol at University directly after completing their final year are required to apply for this scholarship while they are in their final year of secondary study.*
- V. For the purposes of this Scholarship, the recipient's grade point average (GPA) is based on all the courses they undertake in each semester of study. A GPA of 6.00 is equivalent to a B+ average.*
- VI. 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.*
- VII. 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 Top Achiever 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.

- VIII. 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.*
- IX. Deferral requests must be made in writing to the Scholarships Office.*
- X. If a student enrolls at another tertiary institution in New Zealand, the Scholarship will lapse.*
- XI. 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 normally 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. Failure to comply with this regulation will result in the termination of the Scholarship.*