

# University of Auckland Vaka Moana Scholarship

<b>Code:</b>	1080
<b>Faculty:</b>	All
<b>Applicable study:</b>	First year of an undergraduate degree programme at Waipapa Taumata Rau   University of Auckland
<b>Closing date:</b>	23 August 2023
<b>Tenure:</b>	One year
<b>For:</b>	Accommodation and study related material
<b>Number on offer:</b>	Varies
<b>Offer rate:</b>	Annually
<b>Value:</b>	One year of catered accommodation in a Waipapa Taumata Rau   University of Auckland Hall of Residence plus a laptop

## Description

The Scholarship was established in 2020 and is funded by Waipapa Taumata Rau | University of Auckland.

The main purpose of the Scholarship is to financially support Pacific students from low socio-economic areas in Auckland attending university for the first time having left secondary school or kura in the previous year. This reflects the University's strategic recruitment goal to encourage greater participation of Pacific students into tertiary education.

## Selection process

- Candidates apply for the scholarship and seek an endorsement from their School principal
- A Review Committee assesses the application
- The Scholarship is awarded by the University of Auckland Council on the recommendation of a Review Committee

## Regulations

1. The Scholarship will be known as the University of Auckland Vaka Moana Scholarship.
2. The Scholarship will be awarded for the first year of the scholar's undergraduate degree and will cover the costs of catered accommodation in a single room in a Waipapa Taumata Rau | University of Auckland Hall of Residence (see Notes I to III), plus a laptop, supplied by Waipapa Taumata Rau | University of Auckland. Subject to Regulation 13 and Note XII, the laptop will be the property of the awardee.
3. To be eligible for Scholarship consideration, an applicant must be i) a Pacific student (see Note IV), ii) a citizen or permanent resident of New Zealand, iii) currently enrolled in their final year of study at a decile 1-4 New Zealand secondary school or kura in the Auckland area (see Notes V to VI) and iv) intending to enrol full-time in an undergraduate degree, or a Tertiary Foundation Certificate or Certificate in Health Sciences followed by an undergraduate degree at Waipapa Taumata Rau | University of Auckland in the following year. Applications may also be considered from applicants attending a higher decile school or kura where there is evidence of low SES or the school or kura is located in a rural area (see Note VI).

4. The basis of selection will be the quality of endorsement from the applicant's school and academic ability based on results of their previous year's study at Level 2 or higher in the National Certificate of Educational Achievement (NCEA) or an equivalent qualification. Applicants' level of preparedness for university study along with their commitment to their school or kura as determined by their school or kura Principal and provided in the school or kura's endorsement.
5. 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 Pro Vice-Chancellor Māori (or nominee), the Pro Vice-Chancellor Pacific (or nominee), the Associate Director – Schools and Community Engagement (or nominee), and an Academic Staff representative nominated by the Pro Vice-Chancellor Education. In addition, all awarding recommendations will be endorsed by the Entry Level Review Committee.
6. To be paid the Scholarship, awardees must i) achieve admission to Waipapa Taumata Rau | University of Auckland with an NCEA rank score of at least 160, a CIE rank score of at least 160 or an IB score of at least 25, which are all equivalent to a Waipapa Taumata Rau | University of Auckland grade point equivalent (GPE) of 2.40), and ii) enrol full-time in an undergraduate degree or the Certificate of Health Sciences, followed by an undergraduate degree, at Waipapa Taumata Rau | University of Auckland (see Notes VII to IX).
7. Awardees who are directed by the University 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. Consideration will be on a case-by-case basis at the time of uptake.
8. The starting date for Scholarship funding will be either Semester One or Semester Two, in accordance with the recipient's enrolment, in the year immediately following the final year of secondary study (see Notes VII to IX).
9. The accommodation component of the Scholarship will be paid directly to the relevant Hall of Residence. The laptop will be provided to awardees at the start of their first semester of enrolment (see Regulation 13). To remain in accommodation in Semester Two, awardees must achieve a passing grade in all courses in Semester One (see XI).
10. As a condition of tenure, awardees will be required to enrol full-time for at least four semesters of study in an undergraduate degree at Waipapa Taumata Rau | University of Auckland, or the Tertiary Foundation Certificate or Certificate in Health Sciences followed by degree level study (see Notes IX to XII).
11. A University of Auckland Vaka Moana Scholarship may not be held concurrently with a University of Auckland Top Achiever Scholarship, a University of Auckland Māori Academic Excellence Scholarship, a University of Auckland Pacific Academic Excellence Scholarship, a University of Auckland Academic Potential Scholarship, or a University of Auckland Waka Moana Scholarship. However, it may be held concurrently with any other scholarship or grant as long as the regulations for that scholarship or grant permit and the University of Auckland Council is informed and approves. It is the responsibility of the awardee to declare to the Scholarships Office of all other scholarships, awards or grant funding received and for which the awardee receives payment while also in payment for this Scholarship.
12. The University of Auckland Council is not obliged to make an award if it is determined there are no candidates that meet the criteria and/or no candidates of sufficient merit.
13. No part of the Scholarship can be exchanged for a similar or equal cash value at any time.
14. The University of Auckland Council can amend or vary these regulations provided that there is no departure from the main purpose of the Scholarship.
15. Applications close with the Scholarships Office on 23 August in the year preceding the award.
16. Notes [I]-[XI]V below are deemed to be regulations.

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- I. *Waipapa Taumata Rau | University of Auckland Halls of Residence are: Grafton Hall, O'Rorke Hall, University Hall - Towers, and Waipārūrū Hall.*
- II. *All awardees who accept the scholarship will be required to take up a place in a Waipapa Taumata Rau | University of Auckland Hall of Residence as a condition of holding a University of Auckland Vaka Moana 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. *Applicants need to make a separate application for university accommodation by the relevant deadline date.*
- IV. *Pacific candidates are defined as citizens or permanent residents of New Zealand who are of indigenous Pacific descent from any of the following islands: Samoa, American Samoa, Tonga, Cook Islands, Niue, Tokelau, Fiji, Rotuma, Solomon Islands, Vanuatu, New Caledonia, Papua New Guinea, Kiribati, Tuvalu, Palau, Marshall Islands, Federated States of Micronesia, Wallis and Futuna, Hawaii, French Polynesia, Rapanui (Easter Island).*
- V. *A University of Auckland Vaka Moana Scholarship must be applied for in the final year of study at a New Zealand secondary school or kura. Students who intend 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 they are in their final year of secondary study.*
- VI. *For the purposes of this scholarship, a school or kura located in a rural area is defined as being located north of Orewa or south of Drury, within the Auckland Council authority boundary.*
- VII. *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.*
- VIII. *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 Vaka Moana Scholarship but do not take it up in the year of offer may request that their offer be reconsidered in the intake of applications for the year immediately following, providing they meet all other requirements. Deferral requests must be made in writing to the Scholarships Office.*
- IX. *If a student enrolls at another tertiary institution in New Zealand or overseas, the Scholarship will lapse.*
- X. *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.*
- XI. *A passing grade is a C-.*
- XII. *Awardees who take up this Scholarship but do not complete at least four semesters of study at Waipapa Taumata Rau | University of Auckland or who withdraw their enrolment in any semester after payment has been made, will be required to pay back the full cost of accommodation and return the laptop.*
- XIII. *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.*
- XIV. *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. Waipapa Taumata Rau | University of Auckland 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.*