University of Auckland Waka Moana Scholarship - Te Tai Tokerau/Te Tai Rāwhiti/Tāmaki Makaurau/Waiariki/Waikato

**Description**

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

The main purpose of the Scholarship is to financially support Māori students from low socio-economic areas 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 Māori students into tertiary education.

**Selection process**

- Candidates apply for the scholarship and seek an endorsement from their School or kura principal
- A Review Committee assesses the applications
- 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 Waka Moana Scholarship – Te Tai Tokerau/Te Tai Rāwhiti/Tāmaki Makaurau/Waiariki/Waikato.
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 University of Auckland Waipapa Taumata Rau Hall of Residence (see Notes I to III), plus a laptop, supplied by the University of Auckland Waipapa Taumata Rau. Subject to Regulation 13 and Note XI, the laptop will be the property of the awardee.
3. To be eligible for Scholarship consideration, an applicant must be i) New Zealand Māori, 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 either Te Tai Tokerau; Tāmaki Makaurau; Te Tai Rāwhiti; Waiariki or Waikato (see Note IV), and iv) intending to enrol full-time in an undergraduate degree, or a Tertiary Foundation Certificate or Certificate in Health
I. University of Auckland Waipapa Taumata Rau Halls of Residence are: Grafton Hall, O’Rorke Hall, University Hall -
All awardees who accept the scholarship will be required to take up a place in a University of Auckland Waipapa Taumata Rau Hall of Residence as a condition of holding a University of Auckland Waka Moana Scholarship – Te Tai Tokerau/Te Tai Rāwhiti/Tāmaki Makaurau/Waiairiki/Waikato. Exceptions to the requirement to take up the accommodation component will be considered only under exceptional circumstances and on a case-by-case basis.

Applicants need to make a separate application for university accommodation by the relevant deadline date.

A University of Auckland Waka Moana Scholarship – Te Tai Tokerau/Te Tai Rāwhiti/Tāmaki Makaurau/Waiairiki/Waikato 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.

For the purposes of this Scholarship, a school or kura located in a rural area is defined as located in an area outside the local authority boundaries of city councils in Whangarei, Gisborne, Hamilton, and Tauranga, or north of Orewa or south of Drury within the Auckland Council authority boundary.

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.

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 Waka Moana Scholarship – Te Tai Tokerau/Te Tai Rāwhiti/Tāmaki Makaurau/Waiairiki/Waikato 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.

If a student enrols at another tertiary institution in New Zealand or overseas, the Scholarship will lapse.

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.

A passing grade is a C-.

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 cost of accommodation and return the laptop.

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.

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.