University Preparation Award – New Start

**Description**

The Award is funded by New Start, Tertiary Foundation and administered by the University of Auckland Scholarships Office. The Award was supplemented in 2018 with funding from the Alumni Award and the Farrand and Firth Needy Student Fund.

The main purpose of the Award is to assist potential students who wish to pursue a New Start Programme at the University of Auckland and who have demonstrated financial need.

**Selection process**

- Application is made to the Scholarships Office
- A Selection Committee assesses the applications
- 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 Preparation Award – New Start.
2. Up to two Awards will be made annually, each for a period of one semester, and will be of the value of up to $750 each.
3. An Award will be made to a candidate who has paid the fees, or arranged to pay the fees, for full-time enrolment in a New Start Programme in the University of Auckland.
4. The Awards are tenable by students who are citizens or permanent residents of New Zealand.
5. The basis of selection will be academic performance, course attendance and potential to succeed and a personal statement outlining the applicant’s: a) reasons for enrolling in a New Start programme; b) need for financial assistance; c) aspirations for future study at the University of Auckland. Academic performance is based on a minimum GPA of 6.00 (equivalent to a B+ average) throughout the New Start Programme.
6. The Selection Committee will comprise the New Start Programme Manager (or nominee), the Tertiary Foundation Coordinator (or nominee) and the Mature Students and New Start Student Club President (or nominee).
7. The Awards will be paid in one lump sum.
8. Applications close with the Scholarships Office on 4 April for Semester One and 30 July for Semester Two, in the year of the award.