

University Preparation Award – New Start

Code:	530
Faculty:	All
Applicable study:	New Start Programme
Closing date:	Semester One: 4 April 2024 and Semester Two: 22 August 2024
Tenure:	One semester
For:	Assistance
Number on offer:	Up to two
Offer rate:	Annually
Value:	Up to \$1,000 each

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 \$1,000 each.
3. An Award may 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 at the University of Auckland.
4. The Award is 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 Award will be made by the University of Auckland Council on the recommendation of a Selection Committee comprising the New Start Programme Manager (or nominee), the Programme Coordinator of the Tertiary Foundation Certificate (or nominee) and the Pro Vice-Chancellor (Equity) (or nominee).

7. The Award will be paid in one lump sum.
8. The Award may be held with any other scholarship, award or grant as long as the regulations for that scholarship, award or grant permit and the University of Auckland Council is informed and approves. It is the responsibility of the recipient to declare to the Scholarships Office all other scholarships, awards or grant funding received and for which the awardee receives payment while also in payment for this Scholarship.
9. The University of Auckland Council is not obliged to make an award if in any year there are no candidates of sufficient merit.
10. The University of Auckland Council has the power to amend or vary these regulations provided that there is no departure from the main purpose of the Award.
11. Applications close with the Scholarships Office on 4 April for Semester One and 22 August for Semester Two, in the year of the award.
12. Notes [I]-[III] below are deemed to be regulations.

Notes

- I. Financial need will be determined by a range of factors including eligibility for the New Zealand Government fees-free entitlement or a StudyLink Student Allowance, and personal financial circumstances.*
- II. Payments under the terms of this Award remain tax-free as long as they are used directly for the payment of costs associated with an awardee's programme of study and to support the awardee with living costs while studying. Failure to comply with this regulation will result in the termination of the Award.*
- III. Recipients of the University Preparation Award – New Start will be required to give undertakings that they will comply with the regulations for the Award 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 Preparation Award – New Start is not complying with these regulations, terminate the Award and require repayment of the funds received.*