

# Vicki St John Postgraduate Award for Māori and Pacific Island Students

<b>Code:</b>	581
<b>Faculty:</b>	Business School
<b>Applicable study:</b>	Postgraduate study in the Business School
<b>Closing date:</b>	2 March 2022
<b>Tenure:</b>	One year
<b>For:</b>	Financial assistance
<b>Number on offer:</b>	One
<b>Offer rate:</b>	Annually
<b>Value:</b>	\$5,000

## Description

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The Award was established in 2008 and is funded by Vicki St John.

The main purpose of the Award is to provide funding for Māori and Pacific Island postgraduate students at the University of Auckland Business School.

## Selection process

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- 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

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1. The Award will be known as the Vicki St John Postgraduate Award for Māori and Pacific Island Students.
2. One Award will be made annually, for a period of one year, and will be of the value of \$5,000.
3. The Award may be made to a postgraduate student who has paid the fees, or arranged to pay the fees, for part-time or full-time enrolment in any postgraduate programme offered by the Business School.
4. The Award is tenable by a Māori or Pacific Island student who is a New Zealand citizen or permanent resident of New Zealand. Recipients must be able to provide evidence of their Māori or Pacific Island descent (see Note I).
5. The basis of selection will be academic achievement, potential to succeed in postgraduate study and a personal statement on what the applicant's university education means to them and how they intend to use it to make a difference in their whanau, hapu, community, or tribe, or in other ways. Strong leadership potential in school, community, profession or business, and a demonstrated commitment to community service will also be taken into consideration by the Selection Committee. Preference may be given to students who can demonstrate financial need (see Notes II to IV).
6. The Award will be made by the University of Auckland Council on the recommendation of a Selection Committee

comprising the Dean of the Faculty of Business and Economics (or nominee), the Kaiārahi of the Faculty of Business and Economics (or nominee) and a representative of the Donor.

7. The Award will be paid in one lump sum in the first semester.
8. The Award may be held concurrently 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 and grant funding received and for which the awardee receives payment while also in payment for this Award.
9. The University of Auckland Council is not obliged to make an award if in any year there is no candidate of sufficient merit.
10. The University of Auckland has the power to amend or vary these Regulations, in consultation with the Donor, provided that there is no departure from the main purpose of the Award.
11. Applications close with the Scholarships Office on 2 March in the year of the award.
12. Notes [I]-[VI] below are deemed to be regulations.

## Notes

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- I. Pacific applicants 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), Nauru.*
- II. In making a recommendation for this Scholarship the Selection Committee will take into account other scholarships, bursaries and awards held by the candidates, with a view to achieving a fair distribution of monies among qualifying candidates.*
- III. Academic achievement is assessed as the grade point average (GPA) or grade point equivalent (GPE) obtained over the applicant's most recent two years of full-time graded study (or equivalent).*
- IV. Financial need will be determined by a range of factors including current or past eligibility for a StudyLink Student Allowance, and personal and financial circumstances.*
- V. Payments under the terms of this Award remain tax-free as long as they are used for the payment of costs associated with an awardee's programme of study and to assist the awardee with living costs while studying. Failure to comply with this regulation will result in the termination of the Award.*
- VI. Recipients of a Vicki St John Postgraduate Award for Māori and Pacific Island Students 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 Vicki St John Postgraduate Award for Māori and Pacific Island Students is not complying with these regulations, terminate the Award and require repayment of the funds received.*