Vicki St John Postgraduate Scholarship for Māori and Pacific Island Students

**Description**

The Scholarship was established in 2008 and is funded by Vicki St John. The main purpose of the Scholarship is to provide funding for Māori and Pacific Island postgraduate students at the University of Auckland Business School.

**Selection process**

- Application is made to the Scholarships Office
- A Selection Committee assesses the applications
- The Scholarship is awarded by the University of Auckland Council on the recommendation of the Selection Committee.

**Regulations**

1. The Scholarship will be known as the Vicki St John Postgraduate Scholarship for Māori and Pacific Island Students.
2. One scholarship will be awarded annually, for a period of one year, and will be of the value of $3,000.
3. The Scholarship will be awarded 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 Scholarship 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.
5. The basis of selection will be academic merit and potential to succeed in postgraduate study. 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.
6. The Scholarship will be awarded 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 Associate Dean Māori and Pacific Development (or nominee) and the Donor (or nominee).
7. The Scholarship will be paid annually in one lump sum in the first semester.
8. The Scholarship may be concurrently held with any other award or grant as long as a) the terms of that award or grant permit and b) the University of Auckland Council is informed and approves.

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 Scholarship.

11. Applications close with the Scholarships Office on 1 March in the year of the award (see Note ii).

12. Notes [I]-[II] below are deemed to be regulations.

Notes

I. 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.

II. Applicants will use the essay to comment on what their university education means to them and how they intend to use it to make a difference, be it in their whanau, hapu, community, tribe or in other ways.