

## Vivienne Cassie Cooper Award

<b>Code:</b>	1101
<b>Faculty:</b>	Science
<b>Applicable study:</b>	Postgraduate research in Marine Science
<b>Closing date:</b>	By nomination
<b>Tenure:</b>	One year
<b>For:</b>	Assistance with study
<b>Number on offer:</b>	One
<b>Offer rate:</b>	Annually
<b>Value:</b>	\$1,800

### Description

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The Vivienne Cassie Cooper Award was established in 2008 by the generosity of Dr Vivienne Cassie Cooper. Dr Cooper's distinguished research career spanned seven decades and focussed on understanding microscopic algae in thermal, freshwater and marine ecosystems.

Her purpose in establishing this Award was to encourage the study of algae in New Zealand, their life history, ecology, physiology, anatomy and genetics.

### Selection process

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- Nomination is made to the Scholarships Office
- The Award will be made by the University of Auckland Council upon the recommendation of the Head of the Institute of Marine Science

### Regulations

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1. The Award will be known as the Vivienne Cassie Cooper Award.
2. One Award will be made annually and will be of the value of \$1,800, to be used for the purchase of appropriate learning or research materials as agreed by the student and their supervisor.
3. The Award may be made to a postgraduate student who has demonstrated a high level of academic excellence in their previous studies and who is undertaking research involving marine or freshwater algae.
4. The Award is tenable by domestic and international students.
5. The basis of selection will be academic merit as assessed by the grade point average (GPA) or grade point equivalent (GPE) calculated over the most recent qualifying programme, and the quality and nature of the candidate's research proposal (see Note I).
6. The Award will be made by the University of Auckland Council upon the recommendation of the Head of the Institute of Marine Science.
7. The Award will be paid in one instalment in Semester One.
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 or 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 Council has the power to amend or vary these regulations provided that there is no departure from the main purpose of the Award.
11. Notes [I]-[III] below are deemed to be regulations.

## Notes

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- I. The most recent qualifying programme is defined as the most recently completed programme of study that qualifies the applicant for entry to the research programme for which they are applying. Where the qualifying programme is a conjoint programme the GPA/GPE will be calculated over the relevant component of the conjoint programme. The maximum approved exchange or transfer credit that can be excluded from the GPA/GPE calculation for the qualifying programme is 60 points. Where the most recently completed programme is a Transitional Certificate, the qualifying programme is the Transitional Certificate and the most recently completed prior degree.*
- II. 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.*
- III. Recipients of a Vivienne Cassie Cooper Award will be required to give undertakings that they will comply with the regulations for the Scholarship 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 Vivienne Cassie Cooper Award is not complying with these regulations, terminate the Scholarship and require repayment of the funds received from the date of the breach.*