Warren and Mahoney Masters Scholarship for Māori and Pasifika Students

Description

The Scholarship was established in 2021 and is funded by Warren and Mahoney, a New Zealand multidisciplinary architectural design practice.

The intention of the Scholarship is to encourage and support Māori and Pasifika students to undertake a Master of Architecture (Professional) at the University of Auckland.

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 Warren and Mahoney Masters Scholarship for Māori and Pasifika Students.
2. Two Scholarships will be awarded annually for a period of up to two years and will be of the value of up to $5,000 per annum each.
3. To be eligible for Scholarship consideration, an applicant must be i) of Māori or Pacific descent, ii) either a citizen or permanent resident of New Zealand or a citizen or permanent resident of a Pacific island (see Note I), and iii) enrolled, or enrolling, full-time at the University of Auckland in a Master of Architecture (Professional) (MArch(Prof)). A GPA/GPE of at least 6.50 in the applicant’s most recent qualifying programme for study is required for Scholarship consideration (see Note II).
4. 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, financial need as assessed by a personal statement and the criteria at Note III, and the quality of a portfolio of recent design work (see Notes II to IV).
5. The Scholarship will be awarded by the University of Auckland Council on the recommendation of a Selection Committee.
Committee comprising the Head of the School of Architecture and Planning (or nominee), one member of Academic Staff from the School of Architecture and Planning nominated by the Head of School, and one representative of the donor.

6. To be paid the Scholarship, awardees must be enrolled full-time in a MArch(Prof) programme.

7. The Scholarship will be paid in two equal instalments in Semester One and Two each year, as soon as is practical after confirmation of the awardee’s enrolment (that is, after the final date on which a student may add or delete courses without incurring a late enrolment fee). To be paid the second and subsequent instalments, awardees must i) remain enrolled full-time in an MArch(Prof), and ii) achieve a GPA of at least 6.00 (equivalent to a B+ average) in each semester of study (see Note V).

8. The Warren and Mahoney Masters Scholarship for Māori and Pasifika Students may be held with any other scholarship, award or grant where the Regulations for that award or grant permit and where the University of Auckland Council is informed and approves. It is the responsibility of the awardee 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 it is determined there is no candidate that meets the criteria and/or no candidate of sufficient merit.

10. The University of Auckland Council, in consultation with the donor, has the power to terminate or suspend a Scholarship if it receives a report of unsatisfactory progress of a Scholar from the Head of the School of Architecture and Planning.

11. The University of Auckland Council can amend or vary these Regulations, in consultation with the donor, provided that there is no departure from the main purpose of the Scholarship.

12. Applications close with the Scholarships Office on 14 February in the year of the award.


Notes

I. For the purposes of this Scholarship, Pacific applicants are defined as citizens or permanent residents of New Zealand or a Pacific island 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).

II. The most recent qualifying programme is defined as the most recently completed programme of study that qualifies the applicant for entry to the masters programme for which they are applying or are currently enrolled. 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 a bridging programme, including a Transitional Certificate, Graduate Diploma or Certificate of Proficiency, is required to qualify the applicant for entry to the postgraduate programme for which they are applying or are currently enrolled, the qualifying programme is the bridging programme and the most recently completed prior programme.

III. 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.

IV. The portfolio is to consist of up to six examples of designs created in the preceding 12 months, as digital files collated into a single portrait-oriented pdf file, each example with relevant captioning such as date, title and medium.

V. The awardee’s GPA is based on all courses they undertake in each semester of study.

VI. Payments under the terms of this Scholarship 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 Scholarship.

VII. Awardees will be required to comply with the regulations for the Scholarship and must notify the Scholarships Office of any change in their enrolment, employment or funding status. The University of Auckland may, in the event that it
can be established that an awardee is not complying with these regulations, terminate the Scholarship and require repayment of the funds received from the date of the breach.

VIII. These regulations are subject to Senate and Council approval.