WSP Opus Masters Scholarship in Urban Planning

**Code:** 847  
**Faculty:** Creative Arts & Industries  
**Applicable study:** First year of a M UrbPlan(Prof)  
**Closing date:** 1 December  
**Tenure:** One year  
**For:** Assistance  
**Number on offer:** One  
**Offer rate:** Annually  
**Value:** Up to $5,000

**Description**

The Scholarship was established in 2015 and is funded by WSP Opus.

The main purpose of the Scholarship is to assist and encourage academically meritorious students to undertake masters study in Urban Planning 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 WSP Opus Masters Scholarship in Urban Planning.
2. One Scholarship will be awarded annually, for a period of one year, and will be of the value of up to $5,000.
3. To take up and be paid the Scholarship the candidate must be enrolled and have paid the fees, or arranged to pay the fees, for enrolment in a Master of Urban Planning(Professional) (M UrbPlan(Prof)) in the School of Architecture and Planning.
4. The Scholarships are tenable by students who are citizens or permanent residents of New Zealand.
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 a demonstrated passion for Urban Planning. The successful candidate will have a minimum GPA/GPE of 7.00 (6.50 for Māori and Pacific candidates) (see Note I).
6. The Scholarship will be awarded by the University of Auckland Council upon the recommendation of a Selection Committee comprising the Head of the School of Architecture and Planning (or nominee), two members of Academic staff appointed by the Head of the School of Architecture and Planning and a senior practitioner from WSP Opus.
7. The Scholarship will be paid two instalments, one in the first, and one in the second semester of eligible study.
8. The Scholarship may be held concurrently with any other scholarship, award or grant as long as a) the terms of that
9. 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.

10. The University of Auckland Council is not obliged to make an award if in any year there is no candidate of sufficient merit.

11. The University of Auckland Council 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.

12. Applications close with the Scholarships Office on 1 December in the year preceding the award.

13. Notes [I]-[III] below are deemed to be regulations.

Notes

I. The most recent qualifying programme is defined as the most recently completed programme of study that qualifies the applicant for the masters programme for which they are applying. Where the qualifying programme is a conjoint programme the GPA/GPE will be calculated over the entirety of the programme. The maximum approved exchange or transfer credit that can be excluded from the GPA/GPE calculation 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 Scholarship remain tax-free as long as they are used directly for the payment of costs associated with an awardee’s programme of study. Failure to comply with this regulation will result in the termination of the Scholarship.

III. Recipients of a WSP Opus Masters Scholarship in Urban Planning 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 WSP Opus Masters Scholarship in Urban Planning is not complying with these regulations, terminate the Scholarship and require repayment of the funds received from the date of the breach.