Zachary Gravatt Memorial Scholarship

Description

The Scholarship was established in 2009 by the friends and family of Zachary Gravatt to commemorate his life. Zachary Gravatt was a student of the University of Auckland from 2006 to 2009 who overcame dyslexia and was a fourth year student doctor at the time of his death.

The main purpose of the Scholarship is to fund professional development and/or training for a Year V to VI MBChB student who has overcome a significant personal challenge to succeed with their studies and who has demonstrated excellence in clinical skills.

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 Zachary Gravatt Memorial Scholarship.
2. Eight Scholarships will be awarded in 2021, for a period of one year, and will be of the value of $3,750 each.
3. The Scholarship will be awarded to full-time Year V to VI Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery (MBChB) students who have overcome a significant personal challenge or challenges to succeed in their studies, demonstrated excellence in clinical studies, and who propose to undertake further professional development and/or training. In 2021, the Scholarship may also be awarded to students who have encountered difficulties because they are in a health role dealing with COVID-19, students who are caring for whānau due to COVID-19, or students who have had learning difficulties that have had an impact on their whānau.
4. The Scholarship is tenable by citizens and permanent residents of New Zealand.
5. The basis of selection will be clinical skills achievement and the relevance of the proposed development or training.
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 Medical & Health Sciences (or nominee), one member of academic
staff of the School of Medicine (appointed by the Dean) and one representative of the Donor (appointed by the sponsors or trustees).

7. The Scholarship will be paid in one instalment. The successful applicant is required to provide the family with a report on completion of the development or training activity.

8. The Scholarship 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 Scholarship.

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 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 31 March in the year of the award.

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

Notes

I. Due to the personal nature of the hardships or challenges that form the basis of any application for this Scholarship, candidates should note that the application is considered in confidence by the Selection Committee only.

II. 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.

III. Recipients of a Zachary Gravatt Memorial Scholarship 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 Zachary Gravatt Memorial Scholarship is not complying with these regulations, terminate the Scholarship and require repayment of the funds received.