

360 International Award for Equity Students

Code:	914
Faculty:	All
Applicable study:	Students accepted into the 360 International exchange programme
Closing date:	1 July 2025 and 20 November 2025
Tenure:	Up to one year
For:	Assistance with costs associated with overseas study on an approved exchange programme for students from diverse backgrounds
Number on offer:	Varies
Offer rate:	Twice a year
Value:	Up to \$6,000 each

Description

The purpose of the Award is to assist Waipapa Taumata Rau, University of Auckland students who are from diverse backgrounds with the cost of studying overseas while on an approved student exchange.

Selection process

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

Regulations

1. The Award shall be known as the 360 International Award for Equity Students.
2. Awards will be made twice a year for a period of up to one year and will be of the value of up to \$6,000 each (see Note II).
3. To be eligible for Award consideration, an applicant must i) be a domestic student, ii) be from a diverse background (see Notes III to VI), iii) be intending to enrol as an exchange student at an approved exchange partner, iv) have completed at least one year of full-time study (or equivalent) in an undergraduate or postgraduate programme at Waipapa Taumata Rau, University of Auckland by the commencement of the semester of exchange, and iv) have achieved the academic requirements of the 360 International exchange programme (see Note VII).
4. Awardees may only hold this Award once.
5. The basis of selection will be academic achievement as assessed by the applicant's cumulative grade point average (CGPA), the quality of the applicant's personal statements addressing i) how the applicant would represent Waipapa Taumata Rau, University of Auckland while on the 360 International exchange programme, ii) how participating in the 360 International exchange programme would benefit the applicant's academic programme at Waipapa Taumata Rau, University of Auckland, iii) how participating in the 360 International exchange programme would benefit the applicant personally, and the applicant's personal circumstances, including the decile or Equity Index number of the most recent secondary school or kura attended, if the applicant comes from a refugee background, if the student has

a disability (see Notes III to VII), or financial need as assessed by a personal statement and the criteria at Note VIII. The Selection Committee will also consider the suitability of the applicant's proposed programme at the host university to their course of study at Waipapa Taumata Rau, University of Auckland; and the applicant's suitability as a representative of Waipapa Taumata Rau, University of Auckland.

6. The Award will be made by the University of Auckland Council on the recommendation of a Selection Committee comprising the Student Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Manager (or nominee), the Deputy Director, International Operations (or nominee) and one academic staff member of the International Committee, nominated by the Chair of International Committee.
7. The Award will be paid in one instalment.
8. To be paid the Award, an awardee must have i) received a nomination offer from the 360 International Office for an approved exchange partner, and ii) confirmation of acceptance from the host university (see Notes IX and X).
9. Awardees shall, upon their return, present a brief written report (400–600 words) on their experiences as exchange students to the 360 International Office.
10. The Award may not be held concurrently with the 360 International Award for Māori Students, the 360 International Award for Pacific Students, or the 360 International Exchange Award; however, it 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 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 Award.
11. Payments under the terms of this Award remain tax-free as long as they are used directly for costs associated with an awardee's programme of study and/or to assist the awardee with living costs while studying (see Note I). Failure to comply with this regulation will result in the termination of the Award.
12. The University of Auckland Council is not obliged to make an award if it is determined there are no candidates that meet the criteria and/or no candidates of sufficient merit. The University of Auckland Council can amend or vary these Regulations, provided that there is no departure from the main purpose of the Award.
13. Applications close with the Scholarships Office on 1 July and 20 November for exchanges that begin within the following 18 months (see Note II).
14. Notes [I]-[XI] below are deemed to be regulations.

Notes

- I. *The tax-free status of this Award is under current legislation. The University of Auckland cannot guarantee this tax-free outcome.*
- II. *Awardees will be required to take up the Award within 18 months of the funding being awarded. Students intending to undertake an exchange commencing between December and March are recommended to apply in the July application round.*
- III. *For the purposes of this Award, diverse backgrounds include: students with disabilities; Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Intersex, Queer Takatāpui + (LGBTIQ Takatāpui) students; students from refugee backgrounds; students from low socio-economic backgrounds; men, women and gender diverse people where there are barriers to access and success; and students who are first in their family to attend university.*
- IV. *Waipapa Taumata Rau, University of Auckland defines disability as any physical, psychological, cognitive or sensory impairment which may, in interaction with social and systemic barriers, limit a person's full and effective participation in university life on an equal basis with others.*
- V. *For the purposes of this Award, refugee background refers to students who have themselves or whose parents/primary guardian(s) have been granted refuge in New Zealand.*
- VI. *For the purposes of this Award, 'first in family' means that no member of the applicant's immediate family, including parents and siblings, has completed a university qualification prior to the applicant's first year of study. Adoptive and step parents and siblings are considered part of the family where they have lived with the applicant for the previous five or more years.*

- VII. Refer to the 360 International exchange programme website for details of how to apply and eligibility for exchange. A minimum CGPA of 5.00, inclusive of current and past enrolment, is required for consideration for the exchange programme. Successful candidates will need to achieve a term GPA of 5.00 in the semester before the exchange. Applicants with a lower CGPA may be considered on a case-by-case basis and should contact 360 International before applying for the Award.
- VIII. Financial need will be determined by current or past eligibility for a StudyLink Student Allowance, and personal financial circumstances.
- IX. In the event that the awardee does not receive an offer of acceptance from the designated exchange partner, or decides to withdraw from the exchange programme at any point after receiving the Award payment, the full amount of the Award must be repaid. In the event that the awardee is unable to travel overseas, and the exchange is completed online from New Zealand, the full amount of the Award, less any unrecoverable costs not covered by travel insurance, must be repaid.
- X. Awardees must adhere to the 360 International Semester Exchange Terms & Conditions as outlined in their application and nomination for exchange.
- XI. Awardees will be required to comply with the regulations for the Award and must notify the Scholarships Office of any change in their enrolment or funding status. Waipapa Taumata Rau, University of Auckland may, in the event that it can be established that an awardee is not complying with these regulations, terminate the Award and require repayment of the funds received.