

Ada Kathleen and Barbara Ellen Watson Scholarship

Code:	910
Faculty:	Arts and Education
Applicable study:	Postgraduate study in Music
Closing date:	11 March 2025
Tenure:	One year
For:	Assistance with study
Number on offer:	Varies
Offer rate:	Annually
Value:	Up to \$7,500

Description

The Ada Kathleen and Barbara Ellen Watson Scholarship was established in 2015 and is funded by a bequest by Barbara Ellen Watson in memory of her sister, Ada Kathleen, both of whom loved classical music.

The main purpose of the Scholarship is to encourage and support excellent students undertaking study in Music, especially where this funding would make a significant contribution to their financial needs.

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 shall be known as the Ada Kathleen and Barbara Ellen Watson Scholarship.
2. One or more Scholarships will be awarded annually, each for a period of one year, from the total annual grant sum available of \$7,500. Awardees may reapply in subsequent years.
3. To be eligible for Scholarship consideration, an applicant must be i) a New Zealand Citizen or Permanent Resident (see Note II), ii) enrolled or enrolling full-time in either a Bachelor of Music (Honours) (BMus(Hons)), a Postgraduate Diploma in Music (PGDipMus), a Master of Music (MMus) or a Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) in the School of Music at Waipapa Taumata Rau, University of Auckland. A grade point average (GPA) or grade point equivalent (GPE) of at least 5.00 (4.50 for Māori applicants or Pacific applicants) in their qualifying programme is required for Scholarship consideration (see Notes III to V).
4. The basis of selection will be academic merit as assessed by the GPA/GPE calculated over the applicant's qualifying programme (see Notes III to V) and financial need as assessed by a personal statement and the criteria at Note VI.
5. The Scholarship will be awarded by the University of Auckland Council on the recommendation of a Selection Committee comprising the Head of the School of Music (or nominee) and two members of Academic Staff of the School of Music nominated by the Head of the School of Music.

6. The Scholarship will be paid in two equal instalments. The first instalment will be made on acceptance of the Scholarship offer and satisfaction of the requirements of Regulation 7. The second instalment will be paid in Semester Two as soon as is practical after confirmation of enrolment (that is, after the final date on which a student may add or delete courses without incurring a late enrolment fee).
7. To be paid the Scholarship, awardees must be enrolled in a BMus(Hons), a PGDipMus, and MMus or a PhD, in the School of Music at Waipapa Taumata Rau, University of Auckland. To be paid the second instalment, awardees must have achieved satisfactory progress in the first semester of study (see Note VII).
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 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, in consultation with the Donor, has the power to terminate or suspend a Scholarship if it receives a report of unsatisfactory progress by a Scholar from the Head of the School of Music.
10. 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.
11. 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/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 Scholarship.
12. The University of Auckland Council can amend or vary these Regulations, in consultation with the Trustees, provided that there is no departure from the main purpose of the Scholarship.
13. Applications close with the Scholarships Office on 11 March in the year of the award.
14. Notes [I]-[VIII] below are deemed to be regulations.

Notes

- I. *The tax-free status of this Scholarship is under current legislation. The University of Auckland cannot guarantee this tax-free outcome.*
- II. *New Zealand Permanent Residents have been granted a Permanent Resident Visa by Immigration New Zealand. For more information visit <https://www.immigration.govt.nz/new-zealand-visas/already-have-a-visa/becoming-a-permanent-resident>.*
- III. *Pacific applicants are defined as students who are of Indigenous Pacific descent from any of the following islands: Samoa, American Samoa, Tonga, Cook Islands, Niue, Tokelau, Fiji (iTaukei), 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), Pitcairn Islands, Nauru, Guam, Northern Mariana Islands.*
- IV. *For students enrolled, or enrolling, in a BMus(Hons), PGDip or MMus, the qualifying programme is defined as the most recently completed programme of study that qualifies the applicant for entry to the postgraduate programme for which they are applying. Where the most recently completed 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.*
- V. *For students enrolled or enrolling in a PhD, to be deemed a qualifying programme for the purposes of scholarship consideration, an individual programme must satisfy Regulation 13a and b of the PhD Statute. Where the qualifying programme is an undergraduate honours degree (or equivalent undergraduate degree or integrated undergraduate and postgraduate degree), the grade point average or equivalent will be calculated over the final two years of full-time study (or equivalent) in the programme. In all other cases, the grade point average or equivalent will be calculated over the entirety of the qualifying programme.*

- VI. Financial need will be determined by a range of factors including previous or current eligibility for a StudyLink Student Allowance, and personal and financial circumstances.*
- VII. The awardee's Semester One, or equivalent period of time for PhD students, performance will be assessed by the Head of School of Music and will be determined by the awardee's progress in their postgraduate programme. Feedback from the awardee's Lecturers or Supervisor may also be taken into account.*
- VIII. Awardees will be required to comply with the regulations for the Scholarship 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 Scholarship and require repayment of the funds received from the date of the breach.*