

Alumni Scholarship for Tertiary Foundation Certificate Students

Code:	1032
Faculty:	All
Applicable study:	TFC students enrolling full-time in an undergraduate degree in the following year
Closing date:	6 November 2025
Tenure:	One year
For:	Assistance with study
Number on offer:	Up to 6
Offer rate:	Annually
Value:	Up to \$5,000 each

Description

The Scholarship was established in 2019 and is funded by the Alumni Scholarships Fund.

The main purpose of the Scholarship is to support a student in their first year of study after graduating from the University of Auckland Tertiary Foundation Certificate (TFC) programme who, because of financial hardship, may not otherwise be able to undertake a university degree.

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 Alumni Scholarship for Tertiary Foundation Certificate Students.
2. Up to six Scholarships will be awarded annually for a period of up to one year and will be of the value of up to \$5,000 each.
3. To be eligible for Scholarship consideration, an applicant must be i) a New Zealand Citizen or Permanent Resident (see Note II), ii) currently enrolled in the University of Auckland Tertiary Foundation Certificate (TFC), and iii) intending to enrol full-time in the first year of an undergraduate degree at Waipapa Taumata Rau, University of Auckland in the following year.
4. The basis of selection will be academic ability as assessed by results to date in the TFC programme and a reference from an academic staff member from the TFC programme, and financial need as assessed by a personal statement and the criteria at Note III.
5. The Scholarship will be awarded by the University of Auckland Council on the recommendation of a Selection Committee comprising the Programme Coordinator of the Tertiary Foundation Certificate programme (or nominee),

an academic staff member from the Tertiary Foundation Certificate programme and a representative of Alumni Relations and Development.

6. The Scholarship will be paid in two instalments in Semester One and Two, 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).
7. To be paid the Scholarship, awardees must i) achieve admission to an undergraduate degree programme at Waipapa Taumata Rau, University of Auckland, and ii) enrol full-time in both Semester One and Semester Two. To be paid the second instalment, awardees will be required to achieve a grade point average (GPA) of at least 3.50 in the first semester of study (see Note IV).
8. The Scholarship may be held 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 has the power to terminate or suspend a scholarship if it receives a report of unsatisfactory progress by a Scholar from the relevant Head of School or Department.
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 provided that there is no departure from the main purpose of the Scholarship.
13. Applications close with the Scholarships Office on 6 November in the year preceding 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. *Financial need will be determined by a range of factors including eligibility for a StudyLink Student Allowance, and personal and financial circumstances.*
- IV. *Except in cases where there are compelling medical reasons or adverse personal circumstances beyond a student's control, the uptake of scholarships cannot be deferred. Students who are offered an Alumni Scholarship for Tertiary Foundation Certificate Students but who do not take it up in the year of offer may request that their application be reconsidered in the intake of applications for the year immediately following. Deferral requests must be made in writing to the Scholarships Office.*
- V. *If a student enrolls at another tertiary institution in New Zealand or overseas, the scholarship will be forfeited.*
- VI. *Awardees must be enrolled continuously in their programme of study. Deferrals for students who have already commenced their degree will not usually be approved unless there are compelling medical or adverse personal circumstances beyond the student's control. Deferral requests must be made in writing to the Scholarships Office.*
- VII. *The awardee's GPA is based on all the courses they undertake in each semester of study.*
- 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.*