

Auckland ICT Graduate School PGCertInfoTech Award for Māori and Pacific Students

Code:	1011
Faculty:	Science
Applicable study:	PGCertInfoTech
Closing date:	By nomination
Tenure:	One semester FTE
For:	Assistance with study
Number on offer:	Two
Offer rate:	Twice a year
Value:	\$5,000 each

Description

The Award was established in 2019 and is funded by the Auckland ICT Graduate School.

The main purpose of the Award is to encourage and support Māori and Pacific students to complete a one semester Postgraduate Certificate in Information Technology.

Selection process

- Nomination is made to the Scholarships Office
- The Award is made by the University of Auckland Council on the recommendation of the Director of the Auckland ICT Graduate School (or nominee)

Regulations

1. The Award will be known as the Auckland ICT Graduate School PGCertInfoTech Award for Māori and Pacific Students.
2. Two Awards will be made annually for one semester of full-time equivalent (FTE) study or two consecutive semesters of part-time study, and will be of the value of \$5,000 each. Payment to part-time students will be pro-rated.
3. To be eligible for Award consideration, a candidate must be i) a Māori student or Pacific Student (see Note II), ii) a New Zealand Citizen or Permanent Resident (see Note III), and iii) enrolled full-time or part-time in the Postgraduate Certificate in Information Technology (PGCertInfoTech).
4. The basis of selection will be academic achievement measured by the grade point average (GPA) assessed over the candidate's most recent qualifying programme (see Note IV).
5. The Award will be made by the University of Auckland Council on the recommendation of the Director of the Auckland ICT Graduate School (or nominee), in consultation with the Coordinator of the PGCertInfoTech (or nominee).
6. Where an awardee is enrolled full-time in the PGCertInfoTech, the Award will be paid in one instalment, 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). Where an awardee is enrolled part-time in the PGCertInfoTech, the Award will be paid in two equal instalments in the two consecutive semesters of enrolment, 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 Award, awardees must be enrolled full-time or part-time in a PGCertInfoTech.
8. The Award may not be held concurrently with any other scholarship, award or grant funded by Waipapa Taumata Rau, University of Auckland (including faculties and Large Scale Research Institutes (LSRIs) or University Research Centres (URCs). 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 and grant funding received and for which the awardee receives payment while also in payment for this Award.
9. 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.
10. Payments under the terms of this Award 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 Award.
11. The University of Auckland Council can amend or vary these regulations provided that there is no departure from the main purpose of the Award.
12. Notes [I]-[V] 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. *Pacific applicants are defined as New Zealand Citizens or Permanent Residents 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.*
- III. *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>.*
- IV. *The most recent qualifying programme is defined as the most recently completed programme of study that qualifies the applicant for entry to the postgraduate programme in which they are applying or currently enrolled. 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. *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.*