

Auckland Law School Postgraduate Award

Code:	1193
Faculty:	Law
Applicable study:	Master of Intellectual Property, Master of Laws, Master of Legal Studies, Master of Taxation Studies
Closing date:	29 January 2026 (for Semester One) and 26 June 2025 (for Semester Two)
Tenure:	One year
For:	Assistance with study
Number on offer:	Up to two each year
Offer rate:	Twice a year
Value:	Up to \$10,000 each

Description

The Award was established in 2024 and is funded by the Faculty of Law to encourage and support academically outstanding students to undertake a Master of Intellectual Property, Master of Laws, Master of Legal Studies or Master of Taxation Studies at Auckland Law School.

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 will be known as the Auckland Law School Postgraduate Award.
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 \$10,000 each. One Award will be made for Semester One, and one Award will be made for Semester Two. Payments and tenure will be pro-rated for part-time students.
3. To be eligible for Award consideration, an applicant must be enrolled, or enrolling, in their first semester of a Master of Intellectual Property (MIP), or a Master of Laws (LLM), or a Master of Legal Studies (MLS) or a Master of Taxation Studies (MTaxS) at Waipapa Taumata Rau, University of Auckland. Students who have already completed one semester of study in their masters programme at the time of application, and who have at least one further semester remaining to complete their masters programme may also be considered for an Award, pro-rated by their remaining enrolment (see Note III). Students enrolled in an extension at the time of application may not be considered for an Award.
4. The Award is tenable by domestic or international students.
5. The basis of selection will be academic merit (see Note IV), and the applicant's study and career aspirations and potential as assessed by a personal statement.
6. The Award will be made by the University of Auckland Council on the recommendation of a Selection Committee

comprising the Dean of the Faculty of Law (or nominee), and two academic staff members nominated by the Dean of the Faculty of Law.

7. The Award will be paid in two equal 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). Payments and tenure will be pro-rated for part-time students and students who had already completed one semester of study in their masters programme at the time of application (see Note III).
8. To be paid the Award, an awardee must be enrolled in an MIP, LLM, MLS or MTaxS at Waipapa Taumata Rau, University of Auckland (see Note V).
9. The Award 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.
10. The University of Auckland Council, in consultation with the Dean of the Faculty of Law, has the power to terminate or suspend an Award if it receives a report of unsatisfactory progress of a Scholar from the Associate Dean Postgraduate Research and/or the Associate Dean Postgraduate Taught of the Faculty of Law.
11. 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.
12. Payments under the terms of this Award remain tax-free as long as they are used directly 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.
13. The University of Auckland Council can amend or vary these Regulations, in consultation with the Faculty of Law, provided that there is no departure from the main purpose of the Award.
14. Applications close with the Scholarships Office for Semester One on 29 January in the year of the award and for Semester Two on 26 June in the year of the award.
15. Notes [I]-[VI] 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. These regulations were approved in 2024. Any awards made prior to 2024 will not be recorded on academic transcripts.*
- III. Students who have one remaining full-time semester of a 120 point or 180 point masters programme may be considered for an Award with a maximum value of \$5,000. Students who have two remaining full-time semesters of a 180 programme may be considered for the full value of the Award.*
- IV. For the purposes of this Award, academic merit is assessed as the GPA/GPE across all Law courses undertaken in a Bachelor of Laws (LLB) or LLB(Hons), or other undergraduate law degree, or other undergraduate degree or postgraduate study that establishes eligibility for the masters programme for which they are applying; or the GPA/GPE obtained in a Postgraduate Certificate in Law or Postgraduate Certificate in Intellectual Property.*
- V. Except in cases where there are compelling medical reasons or adverse personal circumstances beyond a student's control, the uptake of the Award cannot be deferred. Deferral requests must be made in writing to the Scholarships Office.*
- VI. 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.*