

Bill Miller Engineering Award

Code:	683
Faculty:	Engineering and Design
Applicable study:	Undergraduate or Postgraduate study in the Faculty of Engineering and Design
Closing date:	26 May 2026
Tenure:	One year
For:	Assistance
Number on offer:	Up to four per year
Offer rate:	Annually
Value:	\$2,500-\$10,000

Description

The Bill Miller Engineering Award was established in 2011 and is funded from an endowed gift by the Bill Miller Trust.

The main purpose of the Award is to provide support for academically able students enrolling full time in the Faculty of Engineering and Design who have demonstrated need for financial assistance.

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 Bill Miller Engineering Award.
2. Up to four Awards may be made annually, each for a period of one year, up to a total value of \$10,000. Each Award will have a minimum value of at least \$2,500.
3. To be eligible for Award consideration, an applicant must be i) a New Zealand Citizen or Permanent Resident (see Note II), and ii) enrolled full-time in an undergraduate or postgraduate programme in Engineering in the Faculty of Engineering and Design at Waipapa Taumata Rau, University of Auckland.
4. The basis of selection will be financial need, particularly where such need might result in the student not completing their Engineering studies, as assessed by a personal statement and the criteria at Note III, academic merit (see Note IV) and the applicant's potential to achieve in the study of Engineering as assessed by a personal statement.
5. 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 Engineering and Design (or nominee), the Associate Dean (Academic) of Engineering and Design (or nominee) and an additional staff member nominated by the Dean of the Faculty of Engineering and Design.
6. The Award will be paid in one instalment on acceptance of the Award offer and satisfaction of Regulation 7.
7. To be paid the Award, awardees must be enrolled full-time in an undergraduate or postgraduate programme in

Engineering in the Faculty of Engineering and Design.

8. 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.
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. Applications close with the Scholarships Office on 26 May in year of the award.
13. 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. 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 current or past eligibility for a StudyLink Student Allowance and personal and financial circumstances.*
- IV. For the purpose of this award, academic merit for students enrolled in their first year of undergraduate study is based on results at Level Two or higher in the National Certificate of Educational Achievement (NCEA) or an equivalent qualification. For students enrolled in their second year of undergraduate study, academic merit is assessed as a Scholarships grade point average (GPA) or grade point equivalent (GPE) obtained over the applicant's first year of full-time graded study. For students enrolled in the third or subsequent year of an undergraduate programme or any year of a postgraduate programme, academic merit is assessed as a Scholarships grade point average (GPA) or grade point equivalent (GPE) obtained over the applicant's most recent two years of full-time graded study.*
- 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.*