

David and Dian Ross Undergraduate Scholarship

Code:	1050
Faculty:	Arts and Education
Applicable study:	Bachelor of Arts conjoint degree
Closing date:	9 October 2025
Tenure:	Up to five years
For:	Assistance with study
Number on offer:	Three
Offer rate:	One-off
Value:	Up to \$10,000 pa each

Description

The Scholarship was established in 2019 and is funded by David and Dian Ross, who are both alumni of the University of Auckland.

The main purpose of the Scholarship is to support school-leavers enrolling in the first year of a Bachelor of Arts conjoint degree who have the potential and drive to follow their passion and achieve academically, but 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 David and Dian Ross Undergraduate Scholarship.
2. Three Scholarships will be awarded, each for a period of up to five years depending on the duration of the programme in which the student is enrolled and will be of the value of \$10,000 per annum each (see Regulation 7 and Note II).
3. To be eligible for Scholarship consideration, an applicant must be i) a New Zealand Citizen or Permanent Resident (see Note III), ii) currently enrolled in their final year at a New Zealand secondary school or kura, and iii) intending to enrol full-time in the first year of a Bachelor of Arts (BA) conjoint programme in the Faculty of Arts and Education at Waipapa Taumata Rau, University of Auckland in the following year (See Note IV).
4. The basis of selection will be academic merit based on results at Level 2 or higher in the National Certificate of Educational Achievement (NCEA) or an equivalent qualification 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 Dean of the Faculty of Arts and Education (or nominee), the Associate Dean (Academic)

of the Faculty of Arts and Education (or nominee) and a representative of the donors.

6. The Scholarship will be paid as a \$5,000 contribution towards compulsory fees, and \$5,000 in two instalments in Semester One and Two each year for the duration of the BA conjoint programme, 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). If the awardee's fees have already been covered by any fee paying scheme, scholarship or award, the full annual value of the David and Dian Ross Undergraduate Scholarship may be paid in two equal lump sums in Semester One and Two (see Notes II and V).
7. To be paid the Scholarship, awardees must i) achieve admission to Waipapa Taumata Rau, University of Auckland with an NCEA rank score of at least 270, a CIE rank score of 330 or an IB score of 36, which are equivalent to a University of Auckland grade point equivalent (GPE) of 6.00, and ii) be enrolled full-time in an eligible BA conjoint degree in the Faculty of Arts and Education at Waipapa Taumata Rau, University of Auckland (see Note IV).
8. As a condition of tenure, awardees will be required to maintain a grade point average (GPA) of at least 6.00 (equivalent to a B+ average) in each semester of study (see Note VII).
9. The Scholarship may not be held concurrently with any scholarship funded by Waipapa Taumata Rau, University of Auckland (including scholarships funded by a faculty, LSRI or URC) excluding a Tier 2 or 3 University of Auckland Academic Potential Scholarship or a Summer Research Scholarship. However, it 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.
10. 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 Dean of the Faculty of Arts and Education (or nominee).
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 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.
13. The University of Auckland Council, in consultation with the donor, can amend or vary these regulations provided that there is no departure from the main purpose of the Scholarship.
14. Applications close with the Scholarships Office on 9 October in the year preceding the award.
15. Notes [I]-[XII] 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. *An additional year of funding may be available to students who enrol in a Graduate Diploma in Teaching following the completion of their Bachelor of Arts conjoint degree.*
- 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. *Eligible conjoint programmes are: Bachelor of Advanced Science (Honours)/Bachelor of Arts; Bachelor of Arts/Bachelor of Commerce; Bachelor of Arts/Bachelor of Design; Bachelor of Arts/Bachelor of Engineering (Honours); Bachelor of Arts/Bachelor of Fine Arts; Bachelor of Arts/Bachelor of Fine Arts (Honours); Bachelor of Arts/Bachelor of Global Studies; Bachelor of Arts/Bachelor of Health Sciences; Bachelor of Arts/Bachelor of Laws; Bachelor of Arts/Bachelor of Music; Bachelor of Arts/Bachelor of Science.*
- V. *Compulsory fees are only the tuition fees related to the relevant programme of study, plus Student Services Fee.*
- VI. *Financial need will be determined by a range of factors including eligibility for a StudyLink Student Allowance, and*

personal and financial circumstances.

- VII. For the purposes of this scholarship, the awardee's grade point average (GPA) is based on all the courses they undertake in each semester of study.*
- VIII. 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 a David and Dian Ross Undergraduate Scholarship 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.*
- IX. 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.*
- X. Deferral requests must be made in writing to the Scholarships Office.*
- XI. If a student enrolls at another tertiary institution in New Zealand, the scholarship will lapse.*
- XII. 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.*