Denise Gerard Scholarship

Code: 176
Faculty: Arts and Education
Applicable study: Parts II or III of the BFA or BFA conjoint degree
Closing date: 15 April 2026
Tenure: One year
For: Assistance with study
Number on offer: Up to five
Offer rate: Annually
Value: Up to $6,000 each

Description

The Scholarship was established in 1997 as the result of a bequest to the University from the late Miss B Denise Gerard. Miss Gerard's stated purpose in establishing the Scholarship was to assist students at the Elam School of Fine Arts who show industry, promise of artistic ability, and who are in need of financial assistance.

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 shall be known as the Denise Gerard Scholarship.
2. Up to five Scholarships will be awarded annually for a period of up to one year and will be of the value of up to $6,000 each. Awardees at Part II level may reapply in the following year.
3. To be eligible for Scholarship consideration, an applicant must be enrolled full-time in either Part II or Part III of a Bachelor of Fine Arts (BFA), or a BFA conjoint degree at Waipapa Taumata Rau, University of Auckland.
4. The Scholarship is tenable by domestic or international students.
5. The basis of selection shall be the quality of the applicant's portfolio (see Note II) and financial need as assessed by a personal statement and the criteria at Note III.
6. The Scholarship will be awarded by the University of Auckland Council on the recommendation of a Selection Committee comprising the Fine Arts Discipline Director (or nominee), and two members of academic staff from Fine Arts, nominated by the Fine Arts Discipline Director.
7. The Scholarship shall be paid in one instalment on acceptance of the Scholarship offer and satisfaction of Regulation 8.
8. To be paid the Scholarship, an awardee must be enrolled full-time in either Part II or Part III of a BFA or BFA conjoint degree.
9. The Scholarship 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 Scholarship.

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 15 April in the year of the award.
14. Notes [I]-[IV] 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. The portfolio is to consist of six examples of work done in the preceding 12 months as digital files collated into a single portrait oriented pdf file, each example with relevant captioning such as title, date, medium and size.

III. Financial need will be determined by a range of factors including eligibility for a StudyLink Student Allowance, and personal and financial circumstances. Candidates need to demonstrate that they are experiencing financial hardship and that they are struggling to meet basic living costs. Incurred debt is not evidence of financial hardship.

IV. 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.