

Department of Physics Scholarship

Code:	878
Faculty:	Science
Applicable study:	BAdvSci(Hons) in Physics or Applied Physics, BSc, BSc (Hons) or MSc majoring in Physics or Environmental Physics or a BSc (Hons) in Photonics or Medical Physics and Imaging Technology
Closing date:	30 October 2025
Tenure:	One Year
For:	Assistance
Number on offer:	Up to ten
Offer rate:	Annually
Value:	Up to \$6,000 each

Description

The Scholarship was established in 2016 and is financed by Waipapa Taumata Rau, University of Auckland's Department of Physics.

The purpose of the Scholarship is to support and strengthen the cohort of students in the Bachelor of Advanced Science (Honours), Bachelor of Science, Bachelor of Science (Honours) or Master of Science in Physics, Applied Physics, Environmental Physics, Photonics or Medical Physics and Imaging Technology at Waipapa Taumata Rau, University of Auckland.

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 Department of Physics Scholarship.
2. Up to 10 Scholarships will be awarded annually, each for a period of one year, and will be of the value of up to \$6,000 each. Payments to part-time students will be pro-rated. Recipients of the Scholarship may reapply in subsequent years.
3. To be eligible for consideration, applicants must be i) a New Zealand Citizen or Permanent Resident (see Note II), ii) enrolled, or intending to enrol in either a Bachelor of Advanced Science (Honours) or Bachelor of Advanced Science (Honours) conjoint degree in Physics or Applied Physics, a Bachelor of Science or Bachelor of Science conjoint degree in Physics or Environmental Physics, a Bachelor of Science (Honours) in Physics, Environmental Physics, Medical Physics and Imaging Technology or Photonics, or a Master of Science in Physics or Environmental Physics in the Department of Physics at Waipapa Taumata Rau, University of Auckland in the following year. A grade point

average (GPA) or grade point equivalent (GPE) of 5.00 is required for Scholarship consideration (see Notes III and IV).

4. The basis of selection will be academic achievement, the applicant's aspirations for the future, and any personal or financial circumstances as assessed by a personal statement. Consideration may also be given to one or more of the following criteria: students i) for whom the Scholarship would significantly facilitate the study of physical science at the University of Auckland, ii) who are members of groups currently under-represented in the physical sciences, including Māori and Pacific students, and/or iii) who are the first in their immediate family to attend university (see Notes III to VI).
5. The Scholarship will be awarded by the University of Auckland Council on the recommendation of a selection committee comprising the Head of the Department of Physics (or nominee), and two members of Academic Staff from the Physics Department, nominated by the Head of the Department of Physics.
6. The Scholarship 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 to part-time students will be pro-rated.
7. To be paid the Scholarship, awardees must be enrolled in a Bachelor of Advanced Science (Honours) or Bachelor of Advanced Science (Honours) conjoint degree in Physics or Applied Physics, a Bachelor of Science or Bachelor of Science conjoint degree in Physics or Environmental Physics, a Bachelor of Science (Honours) in Physics, Environmental Physics, Medical Physics and Imaging Technology or Photonics, or a Master of Science in Physics or Environmental Physics in the Faculty of Science at Waipapa Taumata Rau, University of Auckland. Students must be enrolled in at least two Physics, Applied Physics or Environmental Physics courses to be paid the Scholarship.
8. 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.
9. The University of Auckland Council has the power to terminate or suspend a Scholarship if it receives a report of unsatisfactory progress by a Scholar from the Head of the Department of Physics.
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, in consultation with the Department of Physics, provided that there is no departure from the main purpose of the Scholarship.
13. Applications close with the Scholarships Office on 30 October in the year preceding the award.
14. Notes [I]-[VII] 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. *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. *For the purpose of this Scholarship, academic achievement for students enrolled in the first year of an undergraduate degree will be assessed as the Admissions grade point average (GPE). Academic achievement for students enrolled in the second year of an undergraduate degree will be assessed as the grade point average (GPA) obtained over all courses completed by the time of application. Academic achievement for students enrolled in the third or subsequent year of an undergraduate degree will be assessed as a Scholarships GPA or GPE obtained over the applicant's most recent two years of full-time graded study (or equivalent).*

- 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 for which they are studying.*
- V. *Pacific students are defined as citizens or permanent residents of New Zealand 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.*
- VI. *For the purpose of this Scholarship, 'first in family' to attend university means that no member of the applicant's immediate family, including parents and siblings, has completed a university qualification prior to the applicant's first year of study. Adoptive and step parents and siblings are considered part of the nuclear family where they have lived with the applicant for the previous five or more years.*
- VII. *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.*