

Emma Waterhouse Award for Women in Natural Science

Code:	1107
Faculty:	Science
Applicable study:	Undergraduate or postgraduate study in the natural sciences, including Biological Science, Environmental Science, Marine Science, Geography and related areas
Closing date:	6 August 2025
Tenure:	Up to three years (see Reg.2)
For:	Assistance with study
Number on offer:	One
Offer rate:	Usually offered once a year
Value:	\$5,000

Description

The Award was established in 2021 by University of Auckland alumna Emma Waterhouse, a practitioner in environmental management. Emma had a lifelong fascination with natural systems and the impact of human activity on the environment.

The main purpose of the Award is to encourage and support women students undertaking study or research in the natural sciences relating to the geography and ecology of Aotearoa New Zealand and its marine and terrestrial environments, including the sub-Antarctic or Antarctica.

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 Award will be known as the Emma Waterhouse Award for Women in Natural Science.
2. One Award will be made for a period of up to three years, and will be of the value of up to \$5,000 per annum. Recipients may reapply in subsequent years. Payments to part time students will be pro-rated.
3. To be eligible for consideration for the Award, an applicant must be i) a woman student, ii) a New Zealand Citizen or Permanent Resident (see Note II), and ii) enrolled, or enrolling, full-time or part-time in an undergraduate or postgraduate programme in the Faculty of Science, undertaking study or research in the natural sciences relating to the geography and ecology of Aotearoa New Zealand and its marine and terrestrial environments, including the sub-Antarctic or Antarctica.
4. The basis of selection will be academic achievement and the quality of a personal statement outlining the applicant's interest and study plans relating to the geography and ecology of Aotearoa New Zealand, the sub-Antarctic or Antarctica. The following criterion may also inform selection: the donor's interest in supporting i) study of the Hauraki

- Gulf islands or adjacent coastal and marine environs, and/or ii) Māori applicants, and/or iii) applicants experiencing financial hardship (see Notes III to V).
5. The Award will be made by the University of Auckland Council upon the recommendation of a Selection Committee comprising the Dean of the Faculty of Science (or nominee), an academic staff member from the Faculty of Science nominated by the Dean, and a representative of the donor.
 6. The Award will be paid in a lump sum.
 7. To be paid the Award, the awardee must be enrolled in an undergraduate or postgraduate programme in the Faculty of Science at the University of Auckland, undertaking study or research in the natural sciences relating to the geography and ecology of Aotearoa New Zealand and its marine and terrestrial environments.
 8. The Award 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 approved. 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, in consultation with the donor, 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 6 August in the year of the award.
 13. 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. *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 Award, academic achievement for students enrolled in the first year of an undergraduate degree will be assessed as the Admissions grade point equivalent (GPE). Academic achievement for students entering the second year of an undergraduate degree will be assessed as the grade point average (GPA) or grade point equivalent (GPE) obtained over the applicant's first year of full-time graded study. Academic achievement for students enrolled in the third or subsequent years of an undergraduate programme will be assessed as a Scholarships GPA or GPE obtained over the applicant's most recent two years of full-time graded study. Academic achievement for students enrolled in a postgraduate programme or Graduate Diploma in Science will be assessed as the GPA/GPE calculated over the most recent qualifying programme (see Note II).*
- IV. *The most recent qualifying programme is defined as the most recently completed programme of study that qualifies the applicant for entry to the programme for which they are applying.*
- V. *Financial need will be determined by a range of factors including eligibility for a StudyLink Student Allowance, and personal and financial circumstances. Applicants 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.*
- 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.*