

Fraser Thomas Scholarship

Code:	481
Faculty:	Engineering and Design
Applicable study:	Part II of BE(Hons) in Civil Engineering or Structural Engineering
Closing date:	1 April 2025
Tenure:	Up to three years
For:	Assistance with Fees
Number on offer:	One
Offer rate:	Annually
Value:	Year 2 50%, Year 3 75%, Year 4 100% of compulsory tuition fees

Description

The Scholarship was established in 2005 as a successor to the 'First Look' scholarship scheme, and is financed by Fraser Thomas. The main purpose of the Scholarship is to assist and encourage students taking the Bachelor of Engineering (Honours) specialising in Civil Engineering or Structural Engineering.

Fraser Thomas is a well established consulting practice based in Highbrook, East Tamaki. Its fields of practice include civil, geotechnical, environmental, and structural engineering, and land surveying. This Scholarship will enable Fraser Thomas to support the engineering profession.

Selection process

- Application is made to the Scholarships Office
- A Selection Committee assesses the applications
- Short-listed candidates may be required to attend an interview
- 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 Fraser Thomas Scholarship.
2. One scholarship will be awarded annually for a period of up to three years and will be paid as a contribution towards compulsory tuition fees. In the first year, the Scholarship will cover 50% of compulsory tuition fees, in the second year the Scholarship will cover 75% of compulsory tuition fees, and in the third year the Scholarship will cover 100% of compulsory tuition fees (see Note II).
3. To be eligible for Scholarship consideration, an applicant must be i) a New Zealand Citizen or Permanent Resident (see Note III), and ii) enrolled in a Bachelor of Engineering (Honours) (BE(Hons)) degree in Civil Engineering or Structural Engineering. Conjoint students are not eligible to apply. A grade point average (GPA) of at least 5.00 (4.50 for Māori applicants or Pacific applicants [see Note IV]) in Part I of the BE(Hons) is required for Scholarship consideration.

4. The basis of selection will be academic merit as assessed by the GPA calculated over results for Part I of the BE(Hons); the quality of a written statement on why civil infrastructure and/or structural engineering is important in today's world; the applicant's interest in and intention to take up a career in civil infrastructure and/or structural engineering, communication/technical ability and professional skills; interpersonal skills, and leadership potential; contribution to the university and /or community activities; and potential to contribute to the Civil Engineering Industry as assessed by a personal statement and performance in an interview. Short-listed candidates may be required to attend an interview.
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 Engineering and Design (or nominee), the Head of the Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering (or nominee) and a representative from Fraser Thomas.
6. The Scholarship will be paid as a tuition fees credit each semester or for a whole year where the courses have been confirmed.
7. To continue to hold the Scholarship in the second and third years, awardees must maintain a GPA of at least 4.50 in each semester of study based on all courses undertaken in that semester.
8. The Scholarship may not be held concurrently with any other Engineering scholarship funded by a private company, 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.
9. The University of Auckland Council, in consultation with Fraser Thomas, has the power to terminate or suspend a Scholarship if it receives a report of unsatisfactory progress by a recipient from the Head of Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering.
10. The University of Auckland Council, in consultation with Fraser Thomas, 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. The University of Auckland Council, in consultation with Fraser Thomas, can amend or vary these Regulations provided that there is no departure from the main purpose of the Scholarship.
12. Applications close with the Scholarship Office on 1 April in the year of the award.
13. Notes [I]-[V] below are deemed to be regulations.

Notes

- I. Vacation employment at Fraser Thomas to gain work experience and a knowledge/understanding of the company, will be available during the summer vacations of Years 2-3 and 3-4*
- II. Tertiary fees are only those related to the relevant programme of study, i.e. Bachelor of Engineering (Honours) in Civil Engineering. The Scholarship does not cover the Student Services Fee.*
- 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. Students holding this Scholarship may be required to participate in promotional activities for the Scholarship, including profiles on social media.*
- V. 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.*