Fred Doolin Education Scholarship

Code: 1177
Faculty: Arts and Education
Applicable study: Undergraduate degree or diploma in Education
Closing date: 11 November 2026
Tenure: One year
For: Assistance with study
Number on offer: One
Offer rate: Annually
Value: Up to $10,000

Description

The Scholarship was established in 2023 and is funded by Gerard Doolin in memory of his father, Fred Doolin, alumnus of the University of Auckland, who had, through education, lifted himself out of the poverty of his youth, and held a senior leadership role at the Secondary Teacher's College, Auckland during the 1970s, demonstrating the value of education and the vocation of teaching.

The main purpose of the Scholarship is to support students undertaking an undergraduate degree or diploma in Education and Teaching who have demonstrated the potential to succeed but are experiencing hardships or who may have been disadvantaged due to their personal financial circumstances.

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 Fred Doolin Education Scholarship.
2. One Scholarship will be awarded annually for a period of up to one year and will be of the value of up to $10,000. Awardees may reapply in subsequent years.
3. To be eligible for Scholarship consideration, applicants must be i) a New Zealand Citizen or Permanent Resident (see Note II), ii) enrolled, or enrolling, full-time in either a Bachelor of Early Childhood Studies (BECSt), a Bachelor of Education (Teaching) (BEd(Tchg), a Graduate Diploma in Teaching (Early Childhood Education) (GradDipTchg(ECE)), a Graduate Diploma in Teaching (Primary) (GradDipTchg(Primary)), or a Graduate Diploma in Teaching (Secondary) (GradDipTchg(Sec) in the Faculty of Arts and Education at Waipapa Taumata Rau, University of Auckland. A grade point average (GPA) or grade point equivalent (GPE) of 5.00 is required for Scholarship consideration (see Note III).
4. The basis of selection will be academic merit (see Note III) and financial need as assessed by a personal statement

and the criteria at Note IV.

5. The Scholarship will be awarded by the University of Auckland Council on the recommendation of a Selection Committee comprising the Head of Initial Teacher Education in the Faculty of Arts and Education (or nominee), and two members of Academic Staff from the Faculty of Arts and Education nominated by the Dean of the Faculty of Arts and Education.
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).
7. To be paid the Scholarship, the awardee must be enrolled full-time in either a BECSt, a BEd(Tchg), a GradDipTchg(ECE), a GradDipTchg(Primary) or a GradDipTchg(Sec) in the Faculty of Arts and Education. To be paid the second instalment, the awardee must have achieved a GPA of at least 5.00 in Semester One (see Note V).
8. The Scholarship 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 recipient 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 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.
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 directly for the payment of costs associated with an awardee's programme of study and 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, in consultation with the donor, 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 11 November in the year preceding the award.
14. Notes [I]-[VI] 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 merit for students entering Part One is based on results at level two or higher in the National Certificate of Educational Achievement (NCEA) or an equivalent qualification for school-leavers, or results of the most recent year of tertiary education for students who have completed study at another institution, or results from a Foundation programme, or education and training background for students being considered for entry to the university under Special Admission. For students entering Part Two, academic merit is assessed as a Scholarships grade point average (GPA) or grade point equivalent (GPE) obtained over the applicant's first year of full-time graded study. For students entering Part Three or subsequent years of an undergraduate degree, or an undergraduate diploma, academic merit is assessed as a Scholarships GPA or GPE obtained over the applicant's most recent two years of full-time graded study.

IV. Financial need will be determined by a range of factors including eligibility for a StudyLink Student Allowance, and personal and financial circumstances.

V. For the purposes of this Scholarship, the recipient's grade point average (GPA) is based on all the courses they undertake in each year of study.

VI. Awardees will be required to give undertakings that they will comply with the regulations for the Scholarship and will

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.