

Friends of the University of Auckland US/NZ Exchange Award

Code:	732
Faculty:	All
Applicable study:	Any University of Auckland undergraduate or postgraduate degree (inbound); or any undergraduate or postgraduate study at a US university (outbound)
Closing date:	14 August 2025 & 6 November 2025
Tenure:	One year
For:	Assistance, travel or tuition (see Note III)
Number on offer:	Up to three outbound and up to three inbound
Offer rate:	Annually
Value:	Up to \$3,000 each.

Description

The Award was established in 2013 and is funded by Friends of the University of Auckland (US). The main purpose of the Award is to encourage academic exchanges between New Zealand and the United States of America.

Selection process

- Application is made to the Scholarships Office
- A Selection Committee assesses the applications
- The Award is made by the University of Auckland Council on the recommendation of the Selection Committee

Regulations

1. The Award shall be known as the Friends of the University of Auckland US/ NZ Exchange Award.
2. Up to six Awards will be awarded annually, each for a period of one year, and will be of a value from \$1,000 to \$3,000 NZD depending on funding availability. Up to three Awards will be available to outbound students, and up to three for inbound students, depending on the funding and quality of the applicants.
3. To be eligible for an inbound Award, an applicant must i) be a US citizen or permanent resident and ii) have paid the fees, or arranged to pay the fees, for full-time enrolment in an undergraduate or postgraduate degree or diploma or a Certificate of Proficiency (COPOS or COPEX) at Waipapa Taumata Rau, University of Auckland. A US grade point average (GPA) of not less than 3.7 (where 4 is an 'A' grade) is required for Award consideration.
4. To be eligible for an outbound Award, an applicant must i) be a New Zealand Citizen or Permanent Resident (see Note II), ii) have completed or be working towards completion of the academic requirements of an undergraduate or postgraduate degree at Waipapa Taumata Rau, University of Auckland (and may or may not have graduated) by the closing date, and iii) have been offered postgraduate or undergraduate enrolment or who have been accepted for an approved exchange or short-term programme at a US university of at least equal standing to Waipapa Taumata Rau, University of Auckland (See Note II). A GPA of not less than 7.4 is required for Award consideration.

5. The basis of selection will be academic merit, and the applicant's personal qualities as assessed by a personal statement.
6. The Award will be made by the University of Auckland Council upon the recommendation of a Selection Committee comprising two representatives of the International Committee nominated by the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Strategic Engagement) and one representative of Alumni Relations & Development.
7. The Award will be paid in one instalment upon confirmation of enrolment in a degree, diploma or Certificate of Proficiency (COPOS or COPEX) at Waipapa Taumata Rau, University of Auckland (inbound Award) or in a postgraduate or undergraduate programme, or approved exchange or short-term programme at a US university (outbound Award) (see Note IV).
8. The Award 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 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 can amend or vary these Regulations, in consultation with the Donor, provided that there is no departure from the main purpose of the Award.
12. Applications close with the Scholarships Office on 14 August for students enrolling in Semester Two of the current year at the University of Auckland or US fall semester and 6 November for students enrolling in Semester One of the following year at the University of Auckland or US winter/spring semester.
13. Notes [I]-[V] 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. The standing of the US institution will be assessed by reference to current well-recognised university ranking tables (such as The Times Higher Education Supplement World University Rankings).*
- IV. Awardees of an outbound Award must register their travel plans with 360 International in accordance with the Guidelines for students travelling overseas (refer to <https://www.auckland.ac.nz/en/students/forms-policies-and-guidelines/student-policies-and-guidelines/student-travel-guidelines.html>).*
- V. 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.*