

Gavin and Susan Walker Postgraduate Scholarship in Dance Studies

Code:	770
Faculty:	Arts and Education
Applicable study:	Postgraduate programmes in Dance Studies
Closing date:	15 April 2025
Tenure:	One year
For:	Assistance with study
Number on offer:	One or more
Offer rate:	Annually
Value:	\$8,000 each

Description

The Scholarship was established in 2014 and is funded by Gavin and Susan Walker.

The main purpose of the Scholarship is to assist postgraduate students to undertake research in Dance Studies at Waipapa Taumata Rau, University of Auckland, especially where this funding would make a significant contribution to their financial needs.

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 shall be known as the Gavin and Susan Walker Postgraduate Scholarship in Dance Studies.
2. One or more Scholarships will be awarded annually for a period of one year, and will be of the value of \$8,000 each.
3. To be eligible for Scholarship consideration, an applicant must be i) a New Zealand Citizen or Permanent Resident (see Note II), or an international student of Indigenous Pacific Island ancestry (see Note III), ii) enrolled full-time in a postgraduate programme in Dance Studies at Waipapa Taumata Rau, University of Auckland, and iii) undertaking research in a topic related to dance within diverse social groups. A grade point average (GPA) or grade point equivalent (GPE) of at least 6.00 (5.50 for Māori and Pacific candidates) in the applicant's most recent qualifying programme is required for Scholarship consideration (see Note IV).
4. The basis of selection will be academic merit assessed as the GPA or GPE calculated over the most recent qualifying programme (see Note IV), the quality and relevance of the research proposal, and community and education engagement, and demonstrated financial need as assessed by a personal statement and the criteria in Note V.

5. The Scholarship will be awarded by the University of Auckland Council on the recommendation of a Selection Committee comprising the Head of the Dance Studies Programme (or nominee), an additional academic staff member from the Dance Studies programme nominated by the Head of the Programme, and one representative of the Walker family.
6. To be paid the Scholarship, awardees must be i) enrolled full-time in a postgraduate programme in Dance Studies and ii) undertaking research in a topic related to dance within diverse social groups.
7. The Scholarship will be paid in two equal instalments, the first upon award and the second either at the completion of the research, upon provision of receipts related to an approved project, or upon the request of the Selection Committee, whichever is the earliest.
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, 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 Head of the Dance Studies programmes.
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 Donor, provided that there is no departure from the main purpose of the Scholarship.
13. Applications close with the Scholarships Office on 15 April in the year of 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. *Pacific students are defined as students 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.*
- 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 applying. Where the most recently completed qualifying programme is a conjoint programme the GPA/GPE will be calculated over the relevant component of the conjoint programme. The maximum approved exchange or transfer credit that can be excluded from the GPA/GPE calculation for the qualifying programme is 60 points. Where a bridging programme, including a Transitional Certificate, Graduate Diploma or Certificate of Proficiency, is required to qualify the applicant for entry to the postgraduate programme for which they are applying or are currently enrolled, the qualifying programme is the bridging programme and the most recently completed prior programme.*
- V. *Financial need will be determined by a range of factors including current or past 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 of 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.