Graduate Diploma in Teaching (Secondary) Programme Scholarship

**Description**

The Scholarship was established in 2022 and is funded by the Faculty of Education and Social Work.

The main purpose of the Scholarship is to assist and encourage Māori students, Pacific Island students, or students from a refugee background entering the Online or In person Graduate Diploma of Teaching (Secondary) programme.

**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 Graduate Diploma in Teaching (Secondary) Programme Scholarship.
2. Scholarships will be awarded annually, each for a period of up to one year and will be paid as a contribution towards compulsory tuition fees of up to $5,000 each (see Note I).
3. To be eligible for Scholarship consideration, an applicant must be i) either a Māori student, Pacific Island student, or a students from a refugee background (see Notes II and III), ii) a citizen or permanent resident of New Zealand, iii) enrolled, or enrolling, full-time in a Graduate Diploma in Teaching (Secondary) programme in the Faculty of Education and Social Work at Waipapa Taumata Rau, University of Auckland. A grade point average (GPA) or grade point equivalent (GPE) of at least 5.00 in the most recent qualifying programme is required for Scholarship consideration (see Note IV).
4. The basis of selection will be academic achievement as assessed by the GPA/GPE calculated over the most recent qualifying programme and the applicant’s aspiration to a career in teaching as assessed by a personal statement.
5. The Scholarship will be awarded by the University of Auckland Council on the recommendation of a Selection Committee comprising three staff members from the Graduate Diploma in Teaching (Secondary) programme in the
Faculty of Education and Social Work, nominated by the Dean of the Faculty of Education and Social Work.

6. To be paid the Scholarship, the awardee must be enrolled full-time in a Graduate Diploma in Teaching (Secondary) in the Faculty of Education and Social Work.

7. The Scholarship will be paid as a contribution towards compulsory tuition fees.

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 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 of a Scholar from the Head of Initial Teacher 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. The University of Auckland Council, in consultation with the Faculty of Education and Social Work, can amend or vary these regulations provided that there is no departure from the main purpose of the Scholarship.

12. Applications close with the Scholarships Office on 28 November in the year of the preceding the award.

13. Notes [I]-[V] below are deemed to be Regulations.

Notes

I. Tuition/Compulsory fees are only those related to the relevant programme of study, plus Student Services Fee.

II. Pacific applicants are defined as citizens or permanent residents of New Zealand 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.

III. For the purposes of this Scholarship, refugee background refers to students who have themselves or whose parents/primary guardian(s) have been granted refuge in New Zealand.

IV. The most recent qualifying programme is defined as the most recently completed programme of study that qualifies the applicant for entry to the Graduate Diploma of Teaching (Secondary). Where the most recently completed 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.

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.