

Greta Ostova Violoncello Scholarship

Code:	72
Faculty:	Arts and Education
Applicable study:	Undergraduate and postgraduate violoncello studies
Closing date:	2 October 2025
Tenure:	One year
For:	Assistance with study
Number on offer:	One
Offer rate:	Annually
Value:	Up to \$5,000 in total

Description

This Scholarship is a bequest of the late Greta Ostova, a former member of the New Zealand Symphony Orchestra and a distinguished musician and teacher. It was established in 1989 to assist students to further their music education in the violoncello.

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 Greta Ostova Violoncello Scholarship.
2. One Scholarship will be awarded annually for a period of one year and will be of the value of up to \$5,000. Awardees will be eligible to reapply for the Scholarship in the year following the awardee's first holding of the Scholarship but not thereafter.
3. To be eligible for Scholarship consideration, applicants must either be i) enrolled or enrolling full-time or part-time in a Bachelor of Music or associated conjoint degree specialising in Creative Practice: Classical, a Bachelor of Music (Honours) degree, a Postgraduate Diploma in Music, a Master of Music, or a Doctor of Musical Arts undertaking studies in the violoncello at Waipapa Taumata Rau, University of Auckland in the following year; or ii) have completed, or will complete in the year of application, any degree or diploma in Music specialising in violoncello at Waipapa Taumata Rau, University of Auckland and intending to improve their violoncello skills at an overseas institution in the following year.
4. The Scholarship is tenable by domestic and international students.
5. The basis of selection will be an examination in Performance, the proposed study plans and itinerary and financial need as assessed by a personal statement and the criteria at Note I. Consideration will be given to students intending to undertake study overseas. The time allowed for each examination will not normally exceed twenty minutes.

6. The Scholarship will be awarded by the University of Auckland Council on the recommendation of a Selection Committee comprising the Head of the School (or nominee), and two members of academic staff of the School of Music nominated by the Head of School.
7. To be paid the Scholarship, awardees must either i) be enrolled in an undergraduate or postgraduate programme of study in the School of Music, undertaking study in violoncello, or ii) provide confirmation of enrolment in a postgraduate programme of study in violoncello at an overseas institution.
8. The Scholarship will be paid in one instalment either i) in Semester One, 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), or ii) on confirmation of enrolment in the overseas programme of study.
9. 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.
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 can amend or vary these Regulations, in consultation with the School of Music, provided that there is no departure from the main purpose of the Scholarship.
12. Applications close with the Scholarships Office on 2 October in the year preceding the award.
13. Notes [I]-[III] below are deemed to be regulations.

Notes

- I. 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.*
- II. 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/or to assist the awardee with living costs while studying. Failure to comply with this regulation will result in the termination of the Scholarship.*
- III. 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.*