

He Rau Aroha Scholarship for the Bachelor of Optometry and Bachelor of Pharmacy

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| Code: | 885 |
| Faculty: | Medical and Health Sciences |
| Applicable study: | Bachelor of Optometry or Bachelor of Pharmacy |
| Closing date: | By nomination |
| Tenure: | For the duration of the programme |
| For: | Assistance |
| Number on offer: | Up to four |
| Offer rate: | Annually |
| Value: | Up to \$10,000 pa |

Description

The Scholarship was established in 2016 and is financed by the Faculty of Medical and Health Sciences.

The main purpose of the Scholarship is to support Māori and Pacific students enrolling in the Bachelor of Optometry or the Bachelor of Pharmacy through the Māori and Pacific Admission Scheme (MAPAS).

Selection process

- Nomination is made to the Scholarships Office
- 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 He Rau Aroha Scholarship for the Bachelor of Optometry and Bachelor of Pharmacy.
2. Up to 4 Scholarships will be awarded annually (2 per programme), each for the duration of the degree programme in which the student is enrolled, and will be of the value of \$10,000 per annum each. Students will be permitted to retain the scholarship if they are required to repeat a year of the degree and have supporting exceptional circumstances (see Note I).
3. Students will be considered for the award of the Scholarship at the time of application for admission to the Bachelor of Optometry or Bachelor of Pharmacy through the Māori and Pacific Admission Scheme (MAPAS).
4. To take up and be paid the Scholarship, candidates must be enrolled and have paid the fees, or arranged to pay the fees for full-time enrolment in the Bachelor of Optometry or the Bachelor of Pharmacy.
5. The Scholarship is tenable by students who are citizens or permanent residents of New Zealand.
6. The basis of selection will be academic merit, leadership qualities as identified during the applicant's admission interview process and demonstrated financial need. Candidates must have a grade point average (GPA) of at least 4.50 to be eligible for scholarship consideration (see Notes II-III).

7. The Scholarship will be awarded by the University of Auckland Council upon the recommendation of a Selection Committee comprising the Dean of the Faculty of Medical & Health Sciences (or nominee), the Tumuaki (or nominee), the Director of Vision 20:20 (or nominee) and a member of academic staff from each School (appointed by the Head of School) and the Student Academic Services & Engagement Manager (or nominee).
8. The Scholarship will be paid in two instalments per year, one in each semester of eligible study.
9. The University of Auckland Council has the power to terminate or suspend a Scholarship, if it receives an unsatisfactory report on the progress of a Scholar from the Academic Director of the School of Optometry and Vision Science or the School of Pharmacy.
10. The University of Auckland Council is not obliged to make an award if in any year there is no candidate of sufficient merit.
11. The University of Auckland Council has the power to amend or vary these Regulations, in consultation with the Donor, provided that there is no departure from the main purpose of the Scholarship.
12. Notes [I]–[III] below are deemed to be regulations.

Notes

- I. Where a student fails to complete a part of the degree and is required to repeat that part, the scholarship can continue to cover a further year of study to complete the degree if their performance was impaired and there are documented circumstances verified by the University Health & Counselling Service.*
- II. For the purpose of this Scholarship, academic merit is assessed as a grade point average (GPA) or grade point equivalent (GPE) obtained over the applicant's most recent year of full-time graded study (or equivalent).*
- III. Financial need will be determined by a range of factors including current eligibility for a StudyLink Student Allowance, and personal and financial circumstances identified during MAPAS engagement into their prior study in foundation and/or first year courses.*