

James LeGallais New Start Award

Code:	1021
Faculty:	All
Applicable study:	New Start programme
Closing date:	8 April 2026 (Semester One) & 19 August 2026 (Semester Two)
Tenure:	One semester
For:	Assistance with study
Number on offer:	Two
Offer rate:	Twice a year
Value:	Up to \$700 paid as a tuition fees credit (see Reg. 6)

Description

The Award was established in 2019 by Sean Joyce and Danielle LeGallais, and is named after their son, James LeGallais.

The main purpose of the Award is to assist male students enrolled in the New Start Programme at Waipapa Taumata Rau, University of Auckland.

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 will be known as the James LeGallais New Start Award.
2. Two Awards will be made annually and will be of the value of up to \$700 each, paid as a contribution towards compulsory tuition fees (see Regulation 6).
3. To be eligible for Award consideration, an applicant must be i) a male student, ii) a New Zealand Citizen or Permanent Resident (see Note II), and iii) enrolled in the New Start Programme at Waipapa Taumata Rau, University of Auckland.
4. The basis of selection will be financial need and the applicant's reasons for enrolling in the New Start Programme and aspirations for future study at Waipapa Taumata Rau, University of Auckland as assessed by a personal statement and the criteria at Note III.
5. The Award will be made by the University of Auckland Council on the recommendation of a Selection Committee comprising the New Start Programme Manager (or nominee), the Programme Coordinator of the Tertiary Foundation Certificate programme (or nominee) and the Student Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Manager (or nominee).
6. The Award will be paid as a contribution towards compulsory tuition fees in either Semester One or Two, 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). If the awardee's fees have already been covered by any fee paying scheme, the Award may be paid in one instalment to assist with living costs.
7. 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 recipient 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 of this Award.
 8. 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.
 9. 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.
 10. The University of Auckland Council can amend or vary these regulations provided that there is no departure from the main purpose of the Award.
 11. Applications will close with the Scholarships Office on 8 April and 19 August in the year of the award.
 12. Notes [I]-[IV] below are deemed to be Regulations.

Notes

- I. The tax-free status of this Award 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. Financial need will be determined by a range of factors including personal and financial circumstances.*
- IV. 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 from the date of the breach.*