Janie Sheridan Scholarship in Pharmacy

Description

The Scholarship was established in 2022 and is funded by Professor Janie Sheridan.

The main purpose of the Scholarship is to support Māori and Pacific students enrolling in the Bachelor of Pharmacy at Waipapa Taumata Rau | University of Auckland.

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 will be known as the Janie Sheridan Scholarship in Pharmacy.
2. One Scholarship will be awarded annually for a period of up to one year and will be of the value of up to $10,000.
3. To be eligible for Scholarship consideration, an applicant must i) be of Māori or Pacific ancestry (see Note I), ii) be a citizen or permanent resident of New Zealand, iii) have gained admission to the Bachelor of Pharmacy (BPharm) through the Māori and Pacific Admissions Scheme (MAPAS), and iv) be enrolled, or enrolling full-time in any year of a BPharm at Waipapa Taumata Rau | University of Auckland. A grade point average (GPA) or grade point equivalent (GPE) of at least 4.50 is required for Scholarship consideration.
4. The basis of selection will be academic merit (see Note II), leadership qualities as identified during the MAPAS admission interview process and financial need as assessed by the criteria in Note III.
5. The Scholarship will be awarded by the University of Auckland Council on the recommendation of a Selection Committee comprising the Head of the School of Pharmacy (or nominee), the Director of Vision 20:20 (or nominee), and a representative of the donor.
6. To be paid the Scholarship, the awardee must be enrolled full-time in the BPharm.
7. The Scholarship will be paid in two equal instalments in Semester One and 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).
8. As a condition of tenure, awardees will be required to maintain a GPA of at least 4.00 (equivalent to a B-average) in each semester of study (see Note IV).

9. 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.

10. 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 the School of Pharmacy.

11. 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.

12. The University of Auckland Council, in consultation with the donor, can amend or vary these regulations provided that there is no departure from the main purpose of the Scholarship.

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

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**Notes**

I. 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.

II. For the purpose of this Scholarship, academic merit for students entering the first year of a BPharm is assessed as a Scholarships grade point average (GPA) or grade point equivalent (GPE) obtained over the applicant's most recent year of full-time graded study (or equivalent). For students entering their second or subsequent year of a BOptom or BPharm, academic merit is assessed as a Scholarships GPA/GPE obtained over the applicant's most recent two years of full-time graded study.

III. Financial need will be determined by a range of factors including 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.

IV. For the purposes of this Scholarship, the recipient's grade point average (GPA) is based on all the courses they undertake in each semester of study.

V. 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.

VI. 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.