Jasmax Scholarship for Māori and Pacific Students

Description

The Scholarship was established in 2019 and is funded by Jasmax, one of New Zealand’s leading architecture and design firms.

The main purpose of the Scholarship is to support Māori and Pacific students during their study of Architecture at Waipapa Taumata Rau, University of Auckland.

Selection process

- Application is made to the Scholarships Office
- A Selection Committee assesses the applications
- Short-listed applicants will be invited to attend a kōrero (see Note IV)
- 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 Jasmax Scholarship for Māori and Pacific Students.
2. One Scholarship will be awarded annually, for a period of up to five years, and will be of the value of $5,000 per annum.
3. To be eligible for Scholarship consideration, an applicant must be i) a Māori student or Pacific student (see Note II), ii) a New Zealand Citizen or Permanent Resident (see Note III), and iii) enrolled full-time in the first year of a Bachelor of Architectural Studies (BAS) at Waipapa Taumata Rau, University of Auckland.
4. The first three years of the Scholarship will cover the BAS, and the fourth and fifth year of the Scholarship will cover the Master of Architectural (Professional) (MArch(Prof)).
5. The basis of selection will be academic achievement based on results achieved in Semester One, the quality of the applicant’s portfolio submitted with their BAS application, and how the applicant would benefit from the financial support of the Scholarship as assessed by a personal statement. Applicants must state their ancestry or iwi affiliations. Short-listed applicants will be required to invited to attend a kōrero at Jasmax (see Note IV).
6. The Scholarship will be awarded by the University of Auckland Council on the recommendation of a Selection Committee.
Committee comprising the Head of the School of Architecture and Planning (or nominee), one member of Academic Staff from the School of Architecture and Planning nominated by the Head of School, and one representative of the donor.

7. In the first year, the Scholarship will be paid in one instalment on acceptance of the award, in the second and subsequent years the Scholarship will be paid in two equal lump sum instalments, in Semester One and Two of each year of study, 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. To be paid the Scholarship, awardees must be enrolled full-time in a BAS. To be paid the second and subsequent instalments, awardees must i) remain enrolled in a BAS, followed by a Master of Architecture (Professional), and ii) maintain a GPA of at least 4.00 (equivalent to a B- average) in each semester of study (see Note VIII).

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 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, in consultation with the donor, has the power to terminate or suspend a Scholarship if it receives a report of unsatisfactory progress by a Scholar from the Head of the School of Architecture and Planning.

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. Payments under the terms of this Scholarship 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 Scholarship.

13. 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.

14. Applications close with the Scholarships Office on 27 June in the year of the award.

15. Notes [I]-[IX] below are deemed to be Regulations.

Notes

I. The tax-free status of this Scholarship is under current legislation. The University of Auckland cannot guarantee this tax-free outcome.

II. Pacific students 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), Nauru, Guam, Northern Mariana Islands, Pitcairn Islands.

III. 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.

IV. Short-listed applicants invited to Jasmax may be asked to share their background and future aspirations. Applicants are encouraged to bring along and share examples of their Semester One work and portfolio. The kōrero is also an opportunity for the applicant to learn more about Jasmax and their cultural values. A Faculty support person will be available for students.

V. Awardees may be given the opportunity to undertake an annual internship opportunity with Jasmax.

VI. Awardees will be welcomed to Jasmax and may be invited to share their pepeha in their preferred language and talk about their whakapapa. A Faculty support person will be available for students.

VII. Awardees may be asked to speak to high school students about architecture as a profession for Māori and Pacific students.

VIII. The awardee’s GPA is based on all courses they undertake in each semester of study.
IX. Awardees will be required to comply with the regulations 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.