

Jean O'Reilly Memorial Postgraduate Scholarship

Code:	970
Faculty:	Arts and Education
Applicable study:	Postgraduate study in the Faculty of Arts
Closing date:	27 November 2025
Tenure:	One Year
For:	Assistance with study
Number on offer:	One or more
Offer rate:	Annually
Value:	Up to \$7,500 in total

Description

The Scholarship was established in 2018 by Phil O'Reilly to honour the memory of his mother Jean O'Reilly, in recognition of her encouragement and support of his university study.

The intention of the Scholarship is to encourage and support honours and masters level students to study global public policies, relationships and organisations (such as the OECD, the UN or the World Bank), particularly when New Zealand influences and is influenced by global public policy.

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 Jean O'Reilly Memorial Postgraduate Scholarship.
2. One or more Scholarships will be awarded annually, for a period of up to one year and will be of the value of up to \$7,500 in total (see Note II).
3. To be eligible for Scholarship consideration, an applicant must be i) aged 35 years or under, ii) a New Zealand Citizen or Permanent Resident, iii) enrolled full-time in either a Bachelor of Arts (Honours) (BA(Hons)) or a Master of Arts (MA) in Politics and International Relations, a Master of Conflict and Terrorism Studies (MCTS), or a Master of Public Policy (MPP), and iv) studying global public policy, relationships and organisations (such as the OECD, the UN or the World Bank), particularly where New Zealand influences or is influenced by global public policy. A grade point average (GPA) or grade point equivalent (GPE) of at least 7.00 (6.50 for Māori or Pacific candidates) calculated over the most recently completed qualifying programme is required for Scholarship consideration (see Note III).
4. The basis of selection will be academic merit (see Note III), the relevance of the applicant's study to the criteria at Regulation 3, the applicant's study and career plans, and ambition to make an impact on public policy both in New Zealand and abroad as assessed by a personal statement.

5. The Scholarship will be awarded by the University of Auckland Council on the recommendation of a Selection Committee comprising the Associate Dean (Postgraduate) of the Faculty of Arts (or nominee), an academic staff member from the Faculty of Arts nominated by the Dean of the Faculty of Arts, and a representative of the donor.
6. Awardees may only hold the Jean O'Reilly Memorial Postgraduate Scholarship once.
7. To be paid the Scholarship, the awardee must be enrolled full-time in either a BA(Hons) or MA in Politics and International Relations, an MCTS, or an MPP programme.
8. Payment will be made in one instalment 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) (see Note II).
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 where the University of Auckland Council so 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. 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.
12. The University of Auckland Council can amend or vary these Regulations, in consultation with the donor, provided that there is no departure from the main purpose of the Scholarship.
13. Applications close with the Scholarships Office on 27 November in the year preceding the award.
14. Notes [I] – [IV] 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. Students enrolling in the final semester of a masters degree may be considered for a Scholarship with a maximum value of \$3,750, which will be paid in one instalment.*
- III. The most recent qualifying programme is defined as the most recently completed programme of study that qualifies the applicant for entry to the research masters programme for which they are applying. Where the most recently completed programme is a conjoint programme the GPA/GPE will be calculated over the entirety of the conjoint programme. The maximum approved exchange or transfer credit that can be excluded from the GPA/GPE calculation for the qualifying programme is 60 points. Where a bridging programme, including a Transitional Certificate, Graduate Diploma or Certificate of Proficiency, is required to qualify the applicant for entry to the postgraduate programme for which they are applying or are currently enrolled, the qualifying programme is the bridging programme and the most recently completed prior programme.*
- IV. 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.*