

# John and Rose Dunn Scholarship for Pacific Island Medical Students

<b>Code:</b>	1138
<b>Faculty:</b>	Medical and Health Sciences
<b>Applicable study:</b>	MBChB
<b>Closing date:</b>	15 April 2025
<b>Tenure:</b>	One year
<b>For:</b>	Assistance with study
<b>Number on offer:</b>	Up to five
<b>Offer rate:</b>	Annually
<b>Value:</b>	Up to \$10,000

## Description

The Scholarship was established in 2021 and is funded by philanthropists John and Rose Dunn, to increase the number of Pacific doctors trained in New Zealand.

The main purpose of the Scholarship is to encourage and support students of Pacific Island ancestry to undertake and succeed in their medical studies at Waipapa Taumata Rau, University of Auckland.

## 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 John and Rose Dunn Scholarship for Pacific Island Medical Students.
2. Up to five Scholarships will be awarded annually, each for a period of up to one year and will be of the value of up to \$10,000 each. In addition, awardees will be given access to academic and pastoral support through MAPAS. Awardees may reapply in subsequent years.
3. To be eligible for Scholarship consideration, an applicant must i) be of Indigenous Pacific Island ancestry, ii) be a Citizen or Permanent Resident of New Zealand (see Note II), the Cook Islands, Niue, Tokelau, Fiji, Samoa or Tonga, and iii) be enrolled or enrolling full-time in Part II, Part III, Part IV, Part V or Part VI of a Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery (MBChB) at Waipapa Taumata Rau, University of Auckland.
4. The basis of selection will be academic achievement (see Note III), the applicant's participation and/or leadership in community activities, motivation to succeed in their study, intentions to work closely with the Pasifika community, and financial need, as demonstrated in a personal statement, a community reference (see Note V), and the criteria at Note IV.

5. The Scholarship will be awarded by the University of Auckland Council on the recommendation of a Selection Committee comprising the Associate Dean (Pacific) of the Faculty of Medical and Health Sciences (or nominee), the Head of the Medical Programme (or nominee) and a representative of the donors.
6. The Scholarship will be paid as a fortnightly stipend, commencing as soon as is practical after confirmation of the awardee's enrolment in Semester One (that is, after the final date on which a student may add or delete courses without incurring a late enrolment fee).
7. To be paid the Scholarship, the awardee must be enrolled full-time in Part II, Part III, Part IV, Part V or Part VI of an MBChB at Waipapa Taumata Rau, University of Auckland.
8. 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 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 for this Scholarship.
9. 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 Medical Programme.
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 (see Note I). Failure to comply with this regulation will result in the termination of the Scholarship.
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. Applications close with the Scholarships Office on 15 April in the year of the award.
14. Notes [I]-[VI] below are deemed to be Regulations.

## Notes

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- I. The tax-free status of this Scholarship 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. For students enrolled in Part II, academic achievement is determined by the student gaining entry to the MBChB programme through the MAPAS process. For students enrolled in Part III or subsequent years, academic achievement is determined by the applicant passing the requirements set by the Board of MBChB Examiners and progressing to the subsequent Part.*
- IV. Financial need will be determined by a range of factors including eligibility for a StudyLink Student Allowance, and personal and financial circumstances.*
- V. Suggested community referees are a professional person from the applicant's community, such as a minister/pastor/priest, doctor, lawyer, secondary school teacher. The referee should not be a family member or relative and should be someone who can confirm achievements and personal circumstances.*
- VI. Awardees will be required to give 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.*