

Judge Karina Williams Award in Law

Code:	756
Faculty:	Law
Applicable study:	Completion of LLB, LLB(Hons) or conjoint
Closing date:	21 July 2025
Tenure:	One year
For:	Assistance
Number on offer:	Up to three (Refer to Reg.2)
Offer rate:	Annually
Value:	Up to \$2,000 in total

Description

The Award was established in 2013 in the memory of Judge Karina Raewyn Roimata Williams of Tūhoe, Te Whakatōhea, Tainui, Te Aupōuri and Ngāitai Iwi, who was a graduate of the University of Auckland. It is financed from funds donated by Dr Yash Ghai, Robb Lecturer at the University of Auckland in 2007, by legal colleagues and friends of Judge Williams, and by the Williams whānau.

The main purpose of the Award is to recognise cultural involvement and academic merit at Waipapa Taumata Rau, University of Auckland by graduating law students of New Zealand Māori descent.

Selection process

- Application is made to the Scholarships Office
- A Selection Committee assesses the applications
- Short-listed candidates will be invited to kōrero with the Selection Committee
- 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 Judge Karina Williams Award in Law.
2. Up to three Awards will be made annually, up to a total value of \$2,000, and will be accompanied by a remembrance booklet about Judge Williams prepared by the Williams whānau (see Note I). Each Award will have a minimum value of \$500.
3. To be eligible for Award consideration, an applicant must i) be of New Zealand Māori descent (see Note II) and ii) have completed the requirements to graduate with a Bachelor of Laws (LLB) or LLB conjoint degree, or a Bachelor of Laws (Honours) (LLB(Hons)) or LLB(Hons) conjoint in the preceding 12 months. A grade point average (GPA) of at least 5.00 across all Law courses undertaken (see Note III) is required for Award consideration.
4. The basis of selection will be the applicant's knowledge of, and commitment to, Te Reo Māori and tikanga Māori, their level of meaningful involvement with Te Rākau Ture (The Māori Law Students' Association), their future aspirations for Te Ao Māori, their participation in community activities, and their potential to make a significant legal

contribution to kaupapa Māori issues, as assessed by personal statements, and academic merit as assessed by the GPA achieved across all Law courses undertaken (see Note III). Short-listed candidates will be invited to kōrero with the Selection Committee.

5. The Award will be made by the University of Auckland Council on the recommendation of a Selection Committee comprising the Dean of the Faculty of Law (or nominee), the Pouāwhina Māori (or nominee), the Academic Counsellor to Māori students, a representative of the Williams whānau as determined by the whānau, and the District Court Kaupapa Māori Lead Judge (or nominee who is also a Judge of the District Court).
6. The Award will be paid in one instalment on acceptance.
7. 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.
8. The University of Auckland Council can amend or vary these Regulations, in consultation with the donor (or donor representative), provided that there is no departure from the main purpose of the Award.
9. Applications close with the Scholarships Office on TBC in the year of award.
10. Notes [I]-[III] below are deemed to be regulations.

Notes

- I. The Award will be presented to the recipient by one or more representative(s) of the Williams whānau or any other nominee of the Williams whānau at a suitable ceremony at which Māori law students will be in attendance and which will normally be held annually at Waipapa Marae, the Waipapa Taumata Rau, University of Auckland Marae.*
- II. Applicants must state their ancestry or iwi affiliations.*
- III. The GPA calculation is exclusive of any Honours seminar and dissertation courses.*