Kate Edger Foundation - Foundation Award

Code:	870
Faculty:	All
Applicable study:	Women graduates of a full-time 120 Point Foundation Programme who are enrolling in their first undergraduate degree in the following year
Closing date:	17 February
Tenure:	Up to one year
For:	Assistance with study
Number on offer:	Varies
Offer rate:	Annually
Value:	Up to $2,000 each

Description

The Award was established in 2016 and is funded by the Kate Edger Foundation.

The main purpose of the Award is to assist women students who have successfully completed an approved University of Auckland Foundation Programme to undertake full-time study in an undergraduate degree programme at Waipapa Taumata Rau, University of Auckland. The Award is intended for students studying full-time towards a qualification; however, the Trustees recognise that health conditions or impairments can limit a person's ability to study full-time and have extended the Award in 2023 to include part-time study on a case-by-case basis.

Selection process

- Application is made to the Scholarships Office
- The Kate Edger Foundation assesses the applications
- The Award is made by the University of Auckland Council on the recommendation of the Kate Edger Foundation

Regulations

1. The Award shall be known as the Kate Edger Foundation - Foundation Award.
2. Awards will be made annually, each for a period of up to one year, and will be of the value of up to $2,000 per annum each. Part-time students will be paid pro-rata.
3. To be eligible for Award consideration, an applicant must i) be a woman, ii) be a New Zealand Citizen or Permanent Resident (see Note II), iii) must have successfully completed either a Certificate in Health Sciences or a Tertiary Foundation Certificate and iv) be enrolled, or enrolling, full-time in the first year of an undergraduate degree programme at Waipapa Taumata Rau, University of Auckland in the year following the completion of their Foundation Programme. Students with health conditions or impairments that limit their ability to study full-time may apply to hold the Award on a part-time basis (see Regulation 4 and Note III).

4. The basis of selection will be the applicant's academic achievement during the Foundation Programme (see Note IV), demonstrated financial need, the applicant's aspirations for the future and any special circumstances for consideration as assessed by personal statements and the criteria at Notes V and VI and a reference (see Note VII). Applications from students studying part-time must include documentation supporting their reasons for studying part-time (see Notes III and VIII).
5. The Award will be made by the University of Auckland Council on the recommendation of the Kate Edger Foundation.
6. The Award will be paid in one lump sum in the first semester of eligible, 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).
7. To be paid the Award, awardees must be enrolled in the first year of an undergraduate degree at Waipapa Taumata Rau, University of Auckland (see Note IX).
8. The Award may be held concurrently with any other scholarship, award or grant of equal or lesser value as long as the regulations for that scholarship, award or grant permit and the University of Auckland Council and the Kate Edger Foundation are informed and approve. 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 Award.
9. 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.
10. Payments under the terms of this Award 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 Award.
11. The University of Auckland Council, in consultation with the Kate Edger Foundation, can amend or vary these Regulations provided there is no departure from the main purpose of the Award.
12. Applications close with the Scholarships Office on 17 February in the year of the award.
13. Notes [I]-[XI] below are deemed to be regulations.

Notes

I. The tax-free status of this Award 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. Waipapa Taumata Rau defines disability as any physical, psychological, cognitive or sensory impairment which, in interaction with social and systemic barriers, restricts a person's full and effective participation in university life on an equal basis with others.

IV. For the purpose of this Award, academic achievement is assessed by the grade point average (GPA) obtained over the applicant's study in the Foundation Course.

V. Financial need will be determined by a range of factors including previous or current eligibility for a StudyLink Student Allowance, and personal and financial circumstances.

VI. Special circumstances may include personal or family circumstances the applicant deems relevant to their application.

VII. References should be from a professional person, not related to the applicant, and are to verify the financial and special circumstances outlined in the personal statements.

VIII. Examples of supporting documents include, but are not limited to, a letter of support from a disability service provider, the Students with Disabilities office, or your general practitioner.

IX. Awardees who are unable to complete their studies in any semester due to compelling circumstances must apply in writing to the Manager of the Scholarships Office for special consideration before the end of the applicable semester. Awardees who do not complete any semester of study may be required to refund that semester's

payment to the Kate Edger Foundation (see Note XI)

X. *Awardees will be required to submit a brief report to the Awards Convener of the Kate Edger Foundation at the end of each year of study.*

XI. *Awardees will be required to comply with the regulations for the Award 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 Award and require repayment of the funds received.*