

Kate Edger Foundation - Masters Degree Award

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| Code: | 787 |
| Faculty: | All |
| Applicable study: | Women enrolling in a masters degree |
| Closing date: | 28 January 2025 |
| Tenure: | One Year |
| For: | Assistance with study |
| Number on offer: | Up to eight each |
| Offer rate: | Annually |
| Value: | Up to \$8,000 each |

Description

The Award was established in 1996 and is funded by the Kate Edger Foundation.

The main purpose of the Award is to assist women graduates to carry out study for a masters degree 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 - Masters Degree Award.
2. Up to eight Awards will be made annually, each for a period of one year, and will be of the value of up to \$8,000 each. Part-time students will be paid pro-rata.
3. To be eligible for Award consideration, an applicant must be i) a woman, ii) a New Zealand Citizen or Permanent Resident (see Note II), iii) enrolled, or enrolling, full-time in a masters degree at Waipapa Taumata Rau, University of Auckland. 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). A grade point average (GPA) or grade point equivalent (GPE) of at least 7.00 (6.50 for Māori candidates or Pacific candidates) in the applicant's qualifying programme is required for Award consideration (see Note IV).
4. The basis of selection will be academic merit as assessed by the GPA/GPE calculated over the most recent qualifying programme (see Note IV), demonstrated financial need, the applicant's aspirations for the future and any special circumstances for consideration as assessed by a personal statement and the criteria at Notes V and VI, and two academic references (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 two equal instalments in Semester One and Two, 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). Payment will be pro-rated for part-time study.
7. To be paid the Award, awardees must be enrolled in a masters degree at Waipapa Taumata Rau, University of Auckland (see Note IX).
8. The Award may not be held concurrently with any other scholarship or award of equal or higher value. However, it 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 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, in consultation with the Kate Edger Foundation, has the power to terminate or suspend an Award if it receives a report of unsatisfactory progress by a Scholar from the relevant Academic Head.
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 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.
12. The University of Auckland Council, in consultation with the Kate Edger Foundation, can amend or vary these Regulations provided that there is no departure from the main purpose of the Award.
13. Applications close with the Scholarships Office on 28 January in the year of the award.
14. Notes [I]-[XII] 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. *The most recent qualifying programme is defined as the most recently completed programme of study that qualifies the applicant for entry to the programme for which they are applying. Where the most recently completed programme is a conjoint programme, the GPA/GPE will be calculated over the relevant component of the conjoint programme. The maximum approved exchange or transfer credit that can be excluded from the GPA/GPE calculation 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.*
- V. *Financial need will be determined by a range of factors including current or past 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 must be from two academics, not related to the applicant, and must reflect the referee's opinion of the applicant's commitment to their work, research ability, potential and any other information deemed relevant to the application.*

- 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 study 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 their 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 from the date of the breach.*
- XII. The Award is also open to eligible students from other approved institutions in the Auckland area, who should apply directly through the Kate Edger Foundation.*