

Kate Edger Foundation - Postgraduate Diploma Award

Code:	831
Faculty:	All
Applicable study:	PGDip at the University of Auckland
Closing date:	18 November 2025
Tenure:	One Year
For:	Assistance with study
Number on offer:	Up to three per year
Offer rate:	Annually
Value:	Up to \$8,000 each

Description

The Award was established in 2006 and is funded by the Kate Edger Foundation.

The main purpose of the Award is to assist women to carry out study for a Postgraduate Diploma 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 - Postgraduate Diploma Award.
2. Up to three Awards will be made annually, each for a period of one year, and will be of the value of up to \$8,000 each.
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 Postgraduate Diploma (see Note III) 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 IV). A grade point average (GPA) or grade point equivalent (GPE) of at least 6.00 (5.50 for Māori candidates or Pacific candidates) is required for Award consideration (see Note V).
4. The basis of selection will be academic merit (see Note V), 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 Note VI and VII, and an academic reference (see Note VIII). Applications from students studying part-time must include documentation supporting their reasons for studying part-time (see Notes IV and IX).

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 Postgraduate Diploma at Waipapa Taumata Rau, University of Auckland.
8. The Award may not be held concurrently with any other scholarship, award or grant of equal or higher value. However, it may be held with any other scholarship, award or grant of lower 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, 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. 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 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.
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 18 November in the year preceding the award.
14. Notes [I] to [XIII] 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. *Students intending to enrol in a Graduate Diploma in Teaching are not eligible to apply for this Award.*
- IV. *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.*
- V. *For the purposes of this Award, academic merit is assessed as a Scholarships GPA/GPE obtained over the applicant's most recent two years of full-time graded study (or equivalent).*
- VI. *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.*
- VII. *Special circumstances may include personal or family circumstances the applicant deems relevant to their application.*
- VIII. *The reference must be from an academic, not related to the applicant, and must comment on the applicant's work, study and progress, the applicant's commitment to their work, research ability, potential and any other comments the referee deems relevant to the application.*
- IX. *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.*
- X. *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 XII).

- XI. Awardees will be required to submit a brief report to the Awards Convenor of the Kate Edgar Foundation at the end of their year of study.*
- XII. 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.*
- XIII. 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.*