

Kathleen Mary Reardon Travelling Scholarship in Music

Code: 235

Faculty: Arts and Education

Applicable study: Postgraduate study in Music Performance at a recognised overseas institution

Closing date: 2 October 2025

Tenure: One year

For: Assistance to study overseas to improve instrumental or vocal skills

Number on offer: One or more Offer rate: Annually

Value: Up to \$17,500 in total

Description

The Scholarship was established in 1998 and is funded by the estate of Mrs Robina Annie Reardon, MBE, to honour the memory of her late daughter Kathleen Mary Reardon, a student of Music at Auckland University College between 1946 and 1952.

The main purpose of the Scholarship is to provide financial assistance for recent Music graduates to study overseas to improve their instrumental or vocal skills.

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 Kathleen Mary Reardon Travelling Scholarship in Music.
- 2. One or more Scholarships will be awarded annually for a period of up to one year up to a total value of \$17,500. Awardees will be eligible to reapply for the Scholarship in the year following the awardee's first holding of the Scholarship but not thereafter.
- 3. To be eligible for Scholarship consideration, an applicant must i) be a citizen of New Zealand, ii) have completed, or will complete in the year of application, a Bachelor of Music or associated conjoint degree, a Bachelor of Music (Honours), a Postgraduate Diploma in Music or a Master of Music at Waipapa Taumata Rau, University of Auckland, and iii) intending to improve their instrumental or vocal skills overseas by enrolling in a postgraduate programme at a recognised overseas institution.
- 4. The basis of selection will be an examination in Performance, the proposed study plans and itinerary, and financial need as assessed by a personal statement and the criteria at Note I. The time allowed for each examination will not exceed twenty minutes.
- 5. The Scholarship will be awarded by the University of Auckland Council on the recommendation of a Selection

- Committee comprising the Head of the School of Music (or nominee), and two members of academic staff from the School of Music nominated by the Head of School.
- 6. To be paid the Scholarship, awardees must provide confirmation of enrolment in an overseas programme of study to improve their instrumental or vocal skills.
- 7. The Scholarship will be paid in one instalment upon confirmation of enrolment in the overseas programme of study.
- 8. The Scholarship may be held concurrently 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 approves. 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 Scholarship.
- 9. The University of Auckland Council is not obliged to make an award if it is determined there are no candidates that meet the criteria and/or no candidates of sufficient merit.
- 10. The University of Auckland Council can amend or vary these Regulations, in consultation with the School of Music, provided that there is no departure from the main purpose of the Scholarship.
- 11. Applications close with the Scholarships Office on 2 October in the year preceding the award.
- 12. Notes [I]-[III] below are deemed to be regulations.

Notes

- I. 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. Applicants need to demonstrate that they are experiencing financial hardship and that they are struggling to meet basic living costs. Incurred debt is not evidence of financial hardship.
- II. 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. Failure to comply with this regulation will result in the termination of the Scholarship.
- III. Awardees will be required to 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.