

# Kotahitanga Korikori Dance Movement Therapy for Empowerment Scholarship

<b>Code:</b>	1053
<b>Faculty:</b>	Creative Arts and Industries
<b>Applicable study:</b>	Master of Dance Movement Therapy
<b>Closing date:</b>	TBC – not available in 2023
<b>Tenure:</b>	Two years
<b>For:</b>	Assistance with study
<b>Number on offer:</b>	One
<b>Offer rate:</b>	Biennially
<b>Value:</b>	Up to \$20,000 (see Reg. 2)

## Description

The Scholarship was established in 2019 and is funded by Dance & Arts Therapy New Zealand (DTNZ), a charity that empowers and supports vulnerable communities through dance movement and arts therapy.

The intention of the Scholarship is to encourage and support students, particularly students from Māori or Pacific backgrounds, undertaking a Master of Dance Movement Therapy programme at Waipapa Taumata Rau | University of Auckland who are intending to work closely with the Māori and/or Pacific community.

## Selection process

- Application is made to the Scholarships Office
- A Selection Committee assesses the applications
- Short-listed candidates will be required to attend an interview
- 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 Kotahitanga Korikori Dance Movement Therapy for Empowerment Scholarship.
2. One Scholarship will be awarded biennially, for a period of up to two years and will be of the value of up to \$20,000 in total, paid in four equal instalments. In addition, the Scholarship may also cover the cost of cultural supervision (see Note I).
3. To be eligible for Scholarship consideration, applicants must be i) either a citizen or permanent resident of New Zealand, or an international student of Pacific ancestry (see Note II), and ii) enrolled, or enrolling, full-time in a Master of Dance Movement Therapy at Waipapa Taumata Rau | University of Auckland. Applicants must normally have a grade point average (GPA) or grade point equivalent (GPE) of 5.50 (5.00 for Māori or Pacific applicants) or above, and relevant professional experience, to be eligible for Scholarship consideration (see Regulation 4 and Note III).
4. The basis of selection will be relevant professional experience, the applicant's intentions to work closely with the

Māori and/or Pacific community as assessed by a personal statement and performance in an interview, and academic achievement as assessed by the GPA or GPE calculated over the most recent qualifying programme (see Note III). Short-listed candidates will be required to attend an interview.

5. The Scholarship will be awarded by the University of Auckland Council upon the recommendation of a Selection Committee comprising the Head of the Dance Studies programme (or nominee), one member of Academic Staff from the Dance Studies programme, and one representative of Dance and Arts Therapy New Zealand.
6. Recipients of the Scholarship will be required to undertake one of the Master Dance Movement Therapy practicums at Dance & Arts Therapy NZ in both year one and year two.
7. To be paid the Scholarship, the awardee must be enrolled full-time in the Master of Dance Movement Therapy.
8. Payment will be made in equal lump sums in each semester of enrolment, 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).
9. The Kotahitanga Korikori Dance Movement Therapy for Empowerment Scholarship may be held with any other scholarship, award or grant where the Regulations for that scholarship, award or grant permit and where 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.
10. The University of Auckland Council will not be bound to make an award if it is determined there is no candidate that meets the criteria and/or no candidate of sufficient merit.
11. The University of Auckland Council, in consultation with the donor, has the power to terminate or suspend a Scholarship if it receives a report of unsatisfactory progress of a Scholar from the Associate Dean (Postgraduate Research) of the Faculty of Creative Arts and Industries.
12. The University of Auckland Council can amend or vary these Regulations, in consultation with the donor, provided that there is no departure from the main purpose of the Scholarship.
13. Applications close with the Scholarships Office on 9 March in the year of the award.
14. Notes [I] – [V] below are deemed to be Regulations.

## Notes

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- I. The cultural supervisor will be paid directly by Dance & Arts Therapy NZ.*
- II. Pacific students are defined as students who are of indigenous Pacific descent from any of the following islands: Samoa, American Samoa, Tonga, Cook Islands, Niue, Tokelau, Fiji, Rotuma, Solomon Islands, Vanuatu, New Caledonia, Papua New Guinea, Kiribati, Tuvalu, Palau, Marshall Islands, Federated States of Micronesia, Wallis and Futuna, Hawaii, French Polynesia, Rapanui (Easter Island).*
- III. The most recent qualifying programme is defined as the most recently completed programme of study that qualifies the applicant for entry to the masters programme for which they are applying. Where the qualifying 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 for the qualifying programme 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, the qualifying programme is the bridging programme and the most recently completed prior programme.*
- IV. Payments under the terms of this Scholarship remain tax-free as long as they are used for the payment of costs associated with an awardee's programme of study and to assist the awardee with living costs while studying. Failure to comply with this regulation will result in the termination of the Scholarship.*
- V. 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 from the date of the breach.*