

Kupe Leadership Scholarship

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| Code: | 969 |
| Faculty: | All |
| Applicable study: | Full-time study in a bachelors (honours) degree, postgraduate diploma or masters degree (see Reg. 3) |
| Closing date: | 20 August 2025 at midday |
| Tenure: | One year (Semester One and Two) |
| For: | Accommodation, compulsory fees and assistance with study |
| Number on offer: | Varies |
| Offer rate: | Annually |
| Value: | Accommodation and/or a stipend up to a value of around \$25,000, plus compulsory fees, plus a customised Leadership Development and mentoring programme (see Reg. 2) |

Description

The Scholarship was established in 2018 and is funded by a number of philanthropic donors after seed investment by the McCall MacBain Foundation.

The intention of the Scholarship is to encourage and support exceptional students with a view to developing the next generation of leaders in New Zealand. Each scholar will be matched with a mentor from the community, who is themselves a leader in their field, to advise, challenge and guide them as they complete their study. They will also participate in a bespoke Leadership Programme.

Selection process

- Application is made to the Scholarships Office
- A Selection Committee assesses the applications
- Short-listed candidates will be required to attend online interviews and an in-person assessment day
- 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 Kupe Leadership Scholarship.
2. Scholarships will be awarded annually, for a period of up to one year. The Scholarship will comprise either up to \$10,000 paid as a fortnightly stipend plus accommodation in a studio deluxe room at 55 Symonds Street, up to a total value of around \$25,000, or up to \$22,000 paid as a fortnightly stipend (see Notes I and II). In addition, the compulsory fees will be covered for Semester One and Two (see Note III). Each awardee will also receive one-on-one mentoring, and a comprehensive Leadership Development programme delivered by the University of Auckland Business School.
3. To be eligible for Scholarship consideration, an applicant must i) be a New Zealand Citizen or Permanent Resident (see Note IV), ii) have lived in New Zealand for at least five years in the ten years preceding the year of application,

iii) be intending to enrol full-time for a full academic year at Waipapa Taumata Rau, University of Auckland in a masters degree, a postgraduate bachelors (honours) degree or the final year of an undergraduate bachelors (honours) (see Note V), or a postgraduate diploma. Students enrolling in a Graduate Diploma in Teaching (Early Childhood Education), Graduate Diploma in Teaching (Primary) and Graduate Diploma in Teaching (Secondary) who have previously completed the requirements to graduate with an undergraduate degree may also be considered for the Scholarship. Students enrolled in a masters degree of more than 120 points may also be considered for the Scholarship in any year of their programme (see Note VI). A grade point average (GPA) or grade point equivalent (GPE) of at least 7.00 (6.00 for Māori applicants or Pacific applicants) is required for consideration for the Scholarship.

4. The basis of selection will be academic merit, assessed as a Scholarships grade point average (GPA) or grade point equivalent (GPE) obtained over the applicant's most recent two years of full-time equivalent study, and leadership potential as evidenced by a CV, personal statements, references, online interviews and participation in an in-person assessment day. Short-listed candidates will be required to attend online interviews and an in-person assessment day.
5. The Scholarship will be awarded by the University of Auckland Council on the recommendation of a Selection Committee comprising the Pro Vice-Chancellor Education (or nominee), the Executive Chair of the Kupe Leadership Programme (or nominee), a representative of the Scholarships Committee, a representative of the donors, and a member of the community nominated by the Vice-Chancellor.
6. The accommodation component of the Scholarship will be paid directly to Accommodation Solutions (see Note II). Payment of the stipend will start in Semester One, and tuition fees will be paid 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) (see Note III).
7. To be paid the Scholarship awardees must i) be enrolled full-time in a masters degree, a postgraduate bachelors (honours) degree, the final year of an undergraduate bachelors (honours) degree (see Note IV), a postgraduate diploma, a Graduate Diploma in Teaching (Early Childhood Education), a Graduate Diploma in Teaching (Primary) or a Graduate Diploma in Teaching (Secondary), and ii) participate in the Kupe Leadership Programme.
8. The Kupe Leadership Scholarship may not be held concurrently with any other scholarship, award or grant.
9. The amount of additional and paid work a Scholar may undertake either inside or outside the University shall not exceed a total of 500 hours during the tenure of this Scholarship.
10. The University of Auckland Council has the power to terminate or suspend a Scholarship if it receives a report of unsatisfactory progress by a Scholar from either the student's Academic Head or the convenor of the Kupe Leadership Programme. Unsatisfactory performance in the Kupe Leadership Programme may be confirmed by repeated absences and non-participation in activities. Absences from the Kupe Leadership Programme will not usually be approved unless there are compelling medical or adverse personal circumstances beyond the student's control.
11. 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.
12. 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 (see Note I). Failure to comply with this regulation will result in the termination of the Scholarship.
13. The University of Auckland Council can amend or vary these Regulations, in consultation with the relevant donors, provided that there is no departure from the main purpose of the Scholarship.
14. Applications close with the Scholarships Office on 20 August in the year preceding the award.
15. Notes [I] – [VII] below are deemed to be Regulations.

Notes

- I. *The tax-free status of this Scholarship is under current legislation. The University of Auckland cannot guarantee this tax-free outcome.*

- II. Accommodation will be available for the academic year comprising Semester One and Two.*
- III. Compulsory fees are only those related to the relevant programme of study, plus Student Services Fee.*
- IV. 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>.*
- V. Students enrolled in a four year bachelors (honours) degree, or a conjoint with one of these degrees, may be considered for this Scholarship in their final year only. For the purposes of students of the Bachelor of Laws (Honours) (LLB(Hons)) degree, the final year is the last year the student is enrolled full-time in the Part III and Part IV courses required to complete the requirements for the Bachelor of Laws (LLB).*
- VI. Students enrolled in a multi-year masters programme may hold the Scholarship in any year of their programme, provided they are enrolled full-time for that academic year. Recipients are not eligible to apply for a second year of support.*
- VII. Awardees will be required to comply with the regulations for the Scholarship and must notify the Scholarships Office of any change in their enrolment, employment or funding status. Awardees must not bring the Kupe Leadership Scholarship or Kupe Leadership Programme into disrepute. 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.*