

Laurel Jones Memorial Award

Code:	757
Faculty:	Medical and Health Sciences
Applicable study:	Any year of an MBChB
Closing date:	11 June 2025
Tenure:	One year
For:	Assistance with study
Number on offer:	One
Offer rate:	Annually
Value:	\$3,000

Description

The Award was established in 2013 in memory of Laurel Jones and is funded by the Laurel Dietrick Parks Foundation. Laurel was a former medical student who passed away before completing her Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery degree.

The main purpose of the Award is to provide support to an MBChB student, in the Faculty of Medical and Health Sciences at Waipapa Taumata Rau, University of Auckland.

Selection process

- Application is made to the Scholarships Office
- A Selection Committee assesses the applications
- The Award is made by the University of Auckland Council on the recommendation of the Selection Committee

Regulations

1. The Award will be known as the Laurel Jones Memorial Award.
2. One Award will be made annually for a period of one year and will be of the value of \$3,000. Awardees may reapply in subsequent years.
3. To be eligible for Award consideration, an applicant must be i) a New Zealand Citizen or Permanent Resident (see Note II), ii) enrolled full-time in any year of a Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery Degree (MBChB), in the Faculty of Medical and Health Sciences at Waipapa Taumata Rau, University of Auckland. A grade point average (GPA) or grade point equivalent (GPE) of at least 6.00 is required for Award consideration (see Note III).
4. The basis of selection will be academic merit (see Note III) and demonstrated financial need as assessed by the criteria at Note III and a personal statement.
5. The Award will be made by the University of Auckland Council on the recommendation of a Selection Committee comprising the Head of the Medical Programme, the Director of Medical Student Affairs, the Group Services Manager (Medical Programme Directorate) (or their nominees).
6. The Award will be paid in one instalment in Semester 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).

7. To be paid the Award, awardees must be enrolled in any year of an MBChB.
8. The Award 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 Award.
9. 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.
10. Payments under the terms of this Award remain tax-free as long as they are used 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 can amend or vary these Regulations, in consultation with the Donor, provided that there is no departure from the main purpose of the Award.
12. Applications close with the Scholarships Office on 11 June in the year of the award.
13. Notes [I]-[V] 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. For students who have completed only one year of full-time graded study prior to enrolment in Part II, academic merit is assessed as a Scholarships grade point average (GPA) or grade point equivalent (GPE) obtained over the applicant's first year of full-time graded study (or equivalent if part-time). For students who have completed more than one year of full-time graded study prior to enrolment in Part II or students who are enrolled in Part III, academic merit is defined as a Scholarships GPA or GPE obtained over the most recent two years of full-time graded study (or equivalent). For students enrolled in Parts IV, V or VI, academic merit is assessed by the GPA obtained over Part II and Part III of the MBChB.*
- IV. Financial need will be demonstrated by a range of factors including current or previous eligibility for a StudyLink Student Allowance and personal financial circumstances.*
- V. 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.*