Lissie Rathbone Scholarship

Code: 240
Faculty: Arts and Education
Applicable study: Stage II Bachelor of Arts in History and/or English
Closing date: 25 March 2026
Tenure: One year
For: Assistance
Number on offer: One
Offer rate: Annually
Value: Up to $4,500

Description

The Scholarship was established in 1925 by the Trustees of the estate of the late Lissie Rathbone.

The main purpose of the Scholarship is to encourage and support undergraduate students in the study of both English and History at Stage II.

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 Lissie Rathbone Scholarship.
2. One Scholarship will be awarded annually, for a period of one year, and will be of the value of up to $4,500.
3. To be eligible for Scholarship consideration, an applicant must i) be a New Zealand Citizen or Permanent Resident (see Note II), and ii) be enrolled full-time in Stage II of a Bachelor of Arts (BA) or BA conjoint degree majoring/specialising in English and/or History, iii) have completed at least 30 points in either English or History, and iv) be enrolled in at least 30 points at Stage II in either English and/or History. A grade point average of at least 6.00 (5.50 for Māori or Pacific candidates) is required for Scholarship consideration (see Note III).
4. The basis of selection will be academic merit (see Note III), and the applicant's future study intentions and potential to succeed in the fields of English and/or History as assessed by a 250 word personal statement.
5. The Scholarship will be awarded by the University of Auckland Council on the recommendation of a Selection Committee comprising the Deputy Head (Academic) of the School of Humanities (or nominee), the Major/Specialisation Leader of English (or nominee) and the Major/Specialisation Leader of History (or nominee).
6. To be paid the Scholarship, the awardee must be i) enrolled in a BA or BA conjoint degree in either English and/or History, and ii) enrolled in at least 30 points at Stage II in either English and/or History.
7. The Scholarship will be paid in one instalment on acceptance of the Scholarship offer.

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 is no candidate that meets the criteria and/or no candidate of sufficient merit.
10. 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/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.
11. The University of Auckland Council can amend or vary these Regulations provided that there is no departure from the main purpose of the Scholarship.
12. Applications close with the Scholarships Office on 25 March in the year of the award.
13. Notes [I]-[IV] 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. 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 the purposes of this Scholarship, academic merit for students enrolled in their second year of the BA or BA conjoint degree 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. For students enrolled in their third year of the BA or BA conjoint degree, academic merit is assessed as the GPA/GPE obtained over the most recent two years of full-time graded study (or equivalent).

IV. 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.