Liu Shiming Arts Scholars Award

Code: 1208
Faculty: Arts and Education
Applicable study: Second or subsequent year of a BFA or BFA conjoint degree
Closing date: 15 April 2026
Tenure: One year
For: Assistance with study
Number on offer: One
Offer rate: Annually
Value: $5,000

Description

The Award was established in 2024 and is funded by the Liu Shiming Arts Foundation, an organisation supporting emerging artists across the globe.

The main purpose of the Award is to support an undergraduate student in Fine Arts in the School of Creative Arts, with an interest in ceramics and/or sculpture, to create a project or exhibition, or undertake travel related to their study.

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 Award will be known as the Liu Shiming Arts Scholars Award.
2. One Award will be made annually for a period of up to one year and will be of the value of $5,000.
3. To be eligible for Award consideration, applicants must be enrolled full-time in the second or subsequent year of a Bachelor of Fine Arts (BFA) or BFA conjoint degree in the School of Creative Arts. Conjoint students must be enrolled in at least 60 points of Fine Arts courses to be eligible.
4. The Award is tenable by domestic students (see Note II).
5. The basis of selection will be academic merit (see Note III) and the applicant's interest in studying ceramics and/or sculpture. The following criteria may also inform selection: the donor's interest in supporting students with disabilities (see Note IV).
6. The Award will be made by the University of Auckland Council on the recommendation of a Selection Committee comprising the Fine Arts Discipline Director (or nominee) and two members of academic staff from Fine Arts nominated by the Fine Arts Discipline Director.
7. The Award will be paid in one instalment in Semester One, 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).

8. To be paid the Award, the awardee must be enrolled full-time in the second or subsequent year a BFA or BFA conjoint degree. Conjoint students must be enrolled in at least 60 points of Fine Arts courses.
9. The Award may be held 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 approved. 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.
10. 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.
11. 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.
12. The University of Auckland Council, in consultation with the donor, can amend or vary these regulations provided that there is no departure from the main purpose of the Award.
13. Applications close with the Scholarships Office on 15 April in the year of the award.
14. 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. To be a domestic student, you must be either a New Zealand Citizen, New Zealand Permanent Resident, New Zealand resident visa holder, Australian citizen living in New Zealand, or an Australian permanent resident living in New Zealand.

III. For the purpose of this Award, academic merit for students entering the second year of the BFA 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 entering the third or subsequent years, academic merit is assessed as a Scholarships GPA or GPE obtained over the applicant's most recent two years of full-time graded study.

IV. Waipapa Taumata Rau, University of Auckland defines disability as any physical, psychological, cognitive or sensory impairment which may, in interaction with social and systemic barriers, limit a person's full and effective participation in university life on an equal basis with others.

V. Awardees will be required comply with the regulations for the Award and must notify the Scholarships Office of any change in their enrolment or funding status. The 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.