

# Māori and Pasifika Master of Public Policy Award

<b>Code:</b>	1035
<b>Faculty:</b>	Arts
<b>Applicable study:</b>	Master of Public Policy
<b>Closing date:</b>	TBC
<b>Tenure:</b>	One year
<b>For:</b>	Assistance with study
<b>Number on offer:</b>	One
<b>Offer rate:</b>	Annually
<b>Value:</b>	Up to \$5,000

## Description

The Award was established in 2019 and is funded by Dianne Sutherland, a Faculty of Arts alumnus with a passion for public policy.

The main purpose of the Award is to encourage and support Māori and Pasifika students to undertake a Master of Public Policy degree at the 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 Māori and Pasifika Master of Public Policy Award.
2. One Award will be made annually, for a period of up to one year and will be of the value of up to \$5,000. Payments and tenure will be pro-rated for part-time students.
3. To be eligible for Award consideration, applicants must be i) a citizen or permanent resident of New Zealand, ii) a Māori or Pacific student (see Note I), and iii) enrolled or enrolling in a Master of Public Policy (MPP) degree at the University of Auckland.
4. The basis of selection will be academic achievement as assessed by the grade point average (GPA) or grade point equivalent (GPE) calculated over the most recent qualifying programme, financial need and the applicant's study and career commitment and aspirations as assessed by a personal statement (see Notes II to III).
5. The Award will be made by the University of Auckland Council on the recommendation of a Selection Committee comprising the Associate Dean (Postgraduate) of the Faculty of Arts (or nominee), the Postgraduate Adviser for the Master of Public Policy (or nominee) programme, and one representative of the donor.
6. To be paid the Award, the awardee must be enrolled in an MPP programme.
7. Payment will be made in two equal instalments in the first two semesters 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.

8. The Māori and Pasifika Master of Public Policy Award may be held with any other scholarship, award or grant where the Regulations for that 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 Award.
9. The University of Auckland Council, in consultation with the donor, has the power to terminate or suspend an Award if it receives a report of unsatisfactory progress of a Scholar from the Associate Dean (Postgraduate) of the Faculty of Arts.
10. 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.
11. Applications close with the Scholarships Office on TBC.
12. Notes [I] – [V] below are deemed to be Regulations.

## Notes

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- I. Pacific students are defined as citizens or permanent residents of New Zealand 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), Nauru.*
- II. 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 most recently completed 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 the most recently completed programme is a Transitional Certificate, the qualifying programme is the Transitional Certificate and the most recently completed prior degree.*
- III. Financial need will be determined by a range of factors including past or current eligibility for a StudyLink Student Allowance, and personal financial circumstances. Applicants need to demonstrate that they are experiencing financial hardship and that they are struggling to meet basic living costs. Incurred debt is not evidence of financial hardship.*
- IV. Payments under the terms of this Award remain tax-free as long as they are used directly 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 Award.*
- V. Awardees will be required to comply with the regulations for the Award and will 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 funds received.*