

# Māori and Pasifika Master of Public Policy Award

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| <b>Code:</b>             | 1035                    |
| <b>Faculty:</b>          | Arts and Education      |
| <b>Applicable study:</b> | Master of Public Policy |
| <b>Closing date:</b>     | 29 July 2026            |
| <b>Tenure:</b>           | One year                |
| <b>For:</b>              | Assistance with study   |
| <b>Number on offer:</b>  | One or more             |
| <b>Offer rate:</b>       | Annually                |
| <b>Value:</b>            | Up to \$10,000 in total |

## Description

The Award was established in 2019 and was 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 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 Māori and Pasifika Master of Public Policy Award.
2. One or more Awards will be made annually, for a period of up to one year and will be of the value of up to \$10,000 in total. Payments and tenure will be pro-rated for part-time students.
3. To be eligible for Award consideration, an applicant must be i) a New Zealand Citizen or Permanent Resident (see Note II), ii) a Māori student or Pacific student (see Note III), and iii) enrolled, or enrolling, in their first semester of a Master of Public Policy (MPP) degree (see Note IV) at Waipapa Taumata Rau, University of Auckland. Students who have already completed one semester of study in their MPP programme at the time of application, and who have at least one further semester remaining to complete their masters programme may also be considered for an Award, pro-rated by their remaining enrolment (see Notes V and VI). Students enrolled in an extension at the time of application may not be considered for an Award.
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 (see Note VII), and the applicant's study and career commitment and aspirations as assessed by a personal statement.
5. The Award will be made by the University of Auckland Council on the recommendation of a Selection Committee

comprising the Associate Dean (Postgraduate Research) of the Faculty of Arts and Education (or nominee), the Postgraduate Adviser for the Master of Public Policy (or nominee) programme, and the Kaiārahi for the Faculty of Arts and Education (or nominee).

6. Where an award of \$10,000 has been made, payment will be made in two equal instalments in Semester One and Two (see Note V), 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). Where an award of \$5,000 has been made, payment will be made in one instalment, 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), in either their current semester of enrolment, or final semester of enrolment (see Notes V and VI), whichever is the earlier. Payment and tenure will be pro-rated for part-time study.
7. To be paid the Award, the awardee must be enrolled in an MPP programme (see Note V).
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 has the power to terminate or suspend an Award if it receives a report of unsatisfactory progress by a Scholar from the Associate Dean (Postgraduate Research) of the Faculty of Arts and Education.
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 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 29 July in the year of the award.
14. Notes [I] – [VIII] below are deemed to be Regulations.

## Notes

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- 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. *Pacific students are defined as New Zealand Citizens or Permanent Residents who are of indigenous Pacific descent from any of the following islands: Samoa, American Samoa, Tonga, Cook Islands, Niue, Tokelau, Fiji (iTaukei), 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), Pitcairn Islands, Nauru, Guan, Northern Mariana Islands.*
- IV. *Both the in person and online programmes are eligible programmes for this Award.*
- V. *The Award may be taken up in either Semester One or Semester Two.*
- VI. *Students who have one remaining full-time (or equivalent of part-time) semester of a 120 point or 180 point MPP programme may be considered for an Award with a maximum value of \$5,000. Students who have two remaining full-time (or equivalent if part-time) semesters of a 180 programme may be considered for the full value of the Award.*
- VII. *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 a bridging programme, including a Transitional Certificate, Graduate Diploma or Certificate of Proficiency, is required to qualify the applicant for entry to the postgraduate programme for which they are applying or are currently enrolled, the qualifying programme is the bridging programme and the most recently completed prior programme.*

*VIII. 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 funds received.*