Marie Pearman Educational Leadership Scholarship

Description

The Scholarship was established in 2022 and is funded by the estate of Marie Pearman, an alumna of Waipapa Taumata Rau, University of Auckland who worked as a secondary school teacher and subsequently for the Monte Cecelia Trust.

The intention of the Scholarship is to encourage and support students, particularly those who have demonstrated the potential to succeed but who are experiencing hardship or who may have been disadvantaged due to their personal circumstances, to undertake postgraduate study or research at Waipapa Taumata Rau, University of Auckland related to educational leadership.

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 Marie Pearman Educational Leadership Scholarship.
2. One Scholarship will be awarded annually for a period of up to one year and will be of the value of up to $10,000. Payments and tenure will be pro-rated for part-time students. Awardees may reapply in subsequent years.
3. To be eligible for Scholarship consideration, an applicant must be i) a domestic student, ii) enrolled, or enrolling, full-time or part-time in a postgraduate programme in the Faculty of Education and Social Work at Waipapa Taumata Rau, University of Auckland, and iii) undertaking study or research related to educational leadership. A grade point average (GPA) or grade point equivalent (GPE) of at least 6.00 (5.50 for Māori or Pacific candidates) in their most recent qualifying programme for study is required for Scholarship consideration (see Note I).
4. The basis of selection will be academic achievement as assessed by the GPA/GPE calculated over the most recent qualifying programme (see Note I), the relevance of the applicant’s study to educational leadership, and the applicant’s personal circumstances and how they have impacted on the applicant’s ability to undertake their education as assessed by a personal statement.
5. The Scholarship will be awarded by the University of Auckland Council on the recommendation of a Selection Committee comprising Te Tumu of the Faculty of Education and Social Work (or nominee), the Head of the School of Learning, Development and Professional Practice (or nominee), and one member of Academic Staff from the Faculty of Education and Social Work nominated by Te Tumu.

6. To be paid the Scholarship, awardees must be i) enrolled full-time or part-time in a postgraduate programme in the Faculty of Education and Social Work, and ii) undertaking study or research related to educational leadership.

7. The Scholarship will be paid in two equal instalments in Semester One and 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). Payment will be pro-rated for part-time study.

8. The Scholarship 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 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. The University of Auckland Council has the power to terminate or suspend a Scholarship if it receives a report of unsatisfactory progress by a Scholar from the Head of the School of Learning, Development and Professional Practice (or nominee).

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 Scholarship.

12. Applications close with the Scholarships Office on 14 March in the year of the award.


Notes

I. The most recent qualifying programme is defined as the most recently completed programme of study that qualifies the applicant for entry to the postgraduate programme for which they are applying or are currently enrolled. Where the qualifying 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.

II. 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. Failure to comply with this regulation will result in the termination of the Scholarship.

III. 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 from the date of the breach.