

# Mark Ford Ngā Tapuwae Scholarship for Māori Students

<b>Code:</b>	819
<b>Faculty:</b>	Engineering and Design
<b>Applicable study:</b>	Part II OR III of BE(Hons) in Chemical Engineering, Civil Engineering, Mechanical Engineering or Structural Engineering
<b>Closing date:</b>	17 July 2025
<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 \$7,000

## Description

The Scholarship was established in 2015 and is funded by Watercare Services Ltd in memory of Mark Ford and his outstanding service to Watercare and the water industry, as Chief Executive of Watercare.

The main purpose of the Scholarship is to encourage and support a Māori student undertaking study in a Bachelor of Engineering (Honours) in chemical, civil, environmental, mechanical or structural engineering at Waipapa Taumata Rau, University of Auckland.

## Selection process

- Application is made to the Scholarships Office
- A Selection Committee assesses the applications
- Short-listed applicants may be required to attend an interview
- The Scholarship is awarded by the University of Auckland Council on the recommendation of the Selection Committee

## Regulations

1. The Scholarship shall be known as the Mark Ford Ngā Tapuwae Scholarship for Māori Students.
2. One Scholarship will be awarded annually, for a period of up to one year and will be to the value of \$7,000. Awardees may reapply in the following year. The awardee may be offered the opportunity to receive mentoring from Watercare for the duration of their scholarship.
3. To be eligible for Scholarship consideration, an applicant must be i) New Zealand Māori, ii) a New Zealand Citizen or Permanent Resident (see Note II), and iii) enrolled full-time in Part II or Part III of a Bachelor of Engineering (Honours) (BE(Hons)) or a BE(Hons) conjoint degree specialising in Chemical Engineering, Civil Engineering, Mechanical Engineering or Structural Engineering in the Faculty of Engineering at Waipapa Taumata Rau, University of Auckland. A grade point average (GPA) or grade point equivalent (GPE) of at least 4.50 is required to be eligible for scholarship consideration (see Note III).

4. The basis of selection will be academic achievement (see Note III), and the applicant's technical ability and professional skills, character and leadership potential, contribution to the University and/or community activities and potential to contribute to the Engineering industry as assessed by a personal statement and performance in an interview. Short-listed applicants may be required to attend an interview.
5. The Scholarship will be awarded by the University of Auckland Council upon the recommendation of a Selection Committee comprising the Dean of the Faculty of Engineering (or nominee), Associate Dean (Academic) of the Faculty of Engineering (or nominee) and one representative of Watercare.
6. To be paid the Scholarship, the awardee must be enrolled full-time in Part II or Part III of a BE(Hons) degree specialising in Chemical Engineering, Civil Engineering, Mechanical Engineering or Structural Engineering. Conjoint students must be enrolled in at least 60 points of Engineering courses to be paid the Scholarship.
7. The Scholarship will be paid in one lump sum in Semester 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).
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 requirements 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, 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 17 July in the year of the award.
13. Notes [I]-[VI] below are deemed to be regulations.

## Notes

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- 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 purpose of this Scholarship, academic achievement is assessed as a Scholarships GPA or GPE obtained over the applicant's most recent two years of full-time graded study (or equivalent).*
- IV. The awardee may be offered paid work at Watercare during the summer vacation at Watercare's discretion. Watercare will ensure that the summer vacation work complies with the sub-professional practical work requirements of the Bachelor of Engineering (Honours) degree.*
- V. In making a recommendation for this Scholarship the Selection Committee shall take into account other scholarships, bursaries and awards held by the candidates, with a view to achieving a fair distribution of monies among qualifying candidates.*
- VI. 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.*