

Mark Heard Scholarship

Code:	933
Faculty:	Arts and Education
Applicable study:	Postgraduate Honours, Postgraduate Diploma or Masters level study
Closing date:	30 October 2025
Tenure:	One Year
For:	Assistance with study
Number on offer:	One
Offer rate:	Annually
Value:	\$5,000

Description

The Scholarship was established in 2017 and is funded by the estate of Elizabeth Heard in memory of her husband Mark Heard. Mr and Mrs Heard believed that education opportunities should be available to anyone regardless of the financial, social and cultural factors that normally impact on a person's ability to realise their potential.

The main purpose of the Scholarship is to support postgraduate students enrolled in the Faculty of Education and Social Work who have demonstrated the potential to succeed but are experiencing hardships or who may have been disadvantaged due to their personal circumstances.

Selection process

- Application is made to the Scholarships Office
- A Selection Committee assesses the applications
- The scholarships are awarded by the University of Auckland Council on the recommendation of the Selection Committee

Regulations

1. The Scholarship will be known as the Mark Heard 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 \$5,000. Payments to part time students will be pro-rated.
3. To be eligible for Scholarship consideration, an applicant must be i) a New Zealand Citizen or Permanent Resident, and ii) enrolled full-time or part-time in a postgraduate programme in the Faculty of Education and Social Work at Waipapa Taumata Rau, University of Auckland. A grade point average (GPA) or grade point equivalent (GPE) of at least 6.00 (5.50 for Māori and Pacific candidates) in the most recent qualifying programme is required for consideration for the Scholarship (see Note II).
4. The basis of selection will be academic ability (see Note II), and the circumstances (financial, social, and/or cultural) that negatively impact on the applicant's ability to commence or continue their education at Waipapa Taumata Rau, University of Auckland as assessed by a personal statement.

5. The Scholarship will be awarded by the University of Auckland Council upon the recommendation of a Selection Committee comprising the the Dean of the Faculty of Education and Social Work (or nominee), an academic staff member from the Faculty of Education and Social Work nominated by the Dean, and a representative of the donor.
6. 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). Payments to part-time students will be pro-rated.
7. To be paid the Scholarship, the awardee must be enrolled full-time or part-time in a postgraduate programme in the Faculty of Education and Social Work.
8. The Scholarship 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 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, in consultation with the donor, has the power to terminate or suspend a scholarship if it receives a report of unsatisfactory progress by a Scholar from the Dean of the Faculty of Education and Social Work.
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 scholarship remain tax-free as long as they are used directly 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.
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 Scholarship.
13. Applications close with the Scholarships Office on 30 October in the year preceding the award.
14. Notes [I]-[III] below are deemed to be Regulations.

Notes

- I. *The tax-free status of this Scholarship is under current legislation. The University of Auckland cannot guarantee this tax-free outcome.*
- II. *The most recent qualifying programme is defined as the most recently completed programme of study that qualifies the applicant for entry to the research masters programme for which they are applying. 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.*
- 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.*