

Matariki Māori, Pacific and Indigenous Psychologies Rising Stars Award

Code:	994
Faculty:	Science Arts and Education
Applicable study:	Māori, Pacific and/or Indigenous Psychology students enrolled in a Psychology degree at the University of Auckland
Closing date:	By nomination
Tenure:	One year
For:	Assistance with study
Number on offer:	Ten or more
Offer rate:	Annually
Value:	\$500-\$750 each up to a total value of \$7,500

Description

The Award was established in 2018 by the Māori and Pacific Psychology Committee, with support and funding from the School of Psychology. The Award honours Māori, Pacific and Indigenous academic excellence in psychology, taking inspiration from the nine stars visible during Matariki.

The main purpose of the Award is to identify and support promising Māori, Pacific and/or Indigenous students towards postgraduate study in Indigenous research that seeks to improve areas of injustice, health, social inequities, and to facilitate community well-being.

Selection process

- Undergraduate students who have achieved a minimum grade point average (GPA) of 5.00 in Psychology courses and Honours, PG Dip and Masters students enrolled in Psychology courses may be invited to submit an essay
- Nomination is made to the Scholarships Office
- 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 Matariki Māori, Pacific and Indigenous Psychologies Rising Stars Award.
2. Ten or more Awards will be made annually up to a total value of \$7,500. Depending on the level of funding available, and subject to eligible candidates at each level of study, one or more Awards will be made at each level to a Māori student and one or more Awards will be made at each level to a Pacific and/or Indigenous student at each of the following levels: Stage I, Stage II, Stage III, Honours or Postgraduate Diploma, Masters (see Notes II to III). In the event that there are no eligible candidates at a level of study, additional awards may be made at an alternative level of study.

3. The value of each Award will be \$500 for Stage I, Stage II, Stage III, Honours and Postgraduate Diploma study, and \$750 for Masters study (see Note III).
4. The Award will be tenable by Māori, Pacific and Indigenous students who are enrolled in Psychology courses at undergraduate or postgraduate level (see Notes II to III).
5. The basis of selection will be academic merit in Psychology courses, the qualitative evaluation of an essay including the candidate's Indigenous identity and ancestry, and a quantitative evaluation of the candidate's cumulative grade point average (GPA) and GPA across their most recent Psychology courses. For Stage I and II students the essay should reflect on their experience learning Psychology at the University of Auckland, for Stage III, Honours, PG Dip and Masters students the essay should outline a proposed research project in Indigenous Psychology. Undergraduate students who have achieved a minimum GPA of 5.00 in Psychology courses and Honours, PGDip and Masters students enrolled in Psychology courses may be invited to submit an essay to be considered for the Award (see Notes II to VII).
6. The Award will be made by the University of Auckland Council upon the recommendation of a Selection Committee comprising three academic staff members nominated by the Māori and Pacific Psychology Committee.
7. The Award will be paid in one lump sum.
8. The Award 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 Award.
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. 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.
11. The University of Auckland Council can amend or vary these regulations, in consultation with the Faculty of Science, provided that there is no departure from the main purpose of the Award.
12. Notes [I]-[IX] 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. *This Award is inclusive of Māori, who are Indigenous to Aotearoa, and Pasifika people who are Indigenous to the islands of the Pacific. The Award is furthermore inclusive of students who identify as Indigenous to nation states outside of Aotearoa, as indicated in the following description by Martinez (1995, p86): "Indigenous... peoples... have historical continuity with pre-colonial societies that developed on their territories, consider themselves distinct from other sectors of the societies now prevailing in those territories... Indigenous peoples... form at present non-dominant sectors of society and are determined to preserve, develop and transmit to future generations their ancestral territories (i.e. Treaty of Waitangi claims), and their ethnic identity (i.e. Māori language revitalisation projects), as the basis of their continued existence as peoples, in accordance with their own cultural patterns, social institutions and legal systems".*
- III. *Awardees will be eligible to hold the award again in subsequent years at a higher level of study. The Award may be held once per level of study.*
- IV. *Indigenous identity and ancestry statement may include histories of whangai and/or adoption.*
- V. *The Essay length will be up to 300 words for Stage I and II students; and 500 words for Stage III, Honours, Postgraduate Diploma and Masters students.*
- VI. *Proposed research projects must be within the scope of current teaching staff's expertise.*
- VII. *Stage III, Honours/PG Diploma and Masters awardees may be invited to give a presentation at a Māori and Pacific Psychology Research Group meeting in the following year.*

- VIII. Awardees may be asked to participate in promotional activities, including speaking to groups of students about the Award, and website or social media profiles.*
- IX. 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 the funds received.*