

# **Maxwell Walker Memorial Award**

**Code:** 102

Faculty: Arts and Education

Applicable study: Undergraduate or postgraduate study in French

Closing date: 15 May 2025
Tenure: One year

For: Assistance with study

Number on offer:OneOffer rate:AnnuallyValue:Up to \$1,500

#### **Description**

The Award was established in memory of Professor Maxwell Walker, Professor of Modern Languages at Auckland University College from 1909 to 1940, who was particularly interested in the welfare of students and in the study of the French language, and augmented by provision under the will of the late Miss Dora Miller, a former Lecturer in the Department of Modern Languages during Professor Walker's Headship of the Department.

### 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 Award will be known as the Maxwell Walker Memorial Award.
- 2. One Award will be made annually and will be of the value of at least \$1,500.
- 3. To be eligible for Award consideration, an applicant must i) be a citizen or permanent resident of a Commonwealth member country, ii) have attended a secondary school or kura in New Zealand, and iii) be enrolled in either Stage II or III of a Bachelor of Arts (BA) or BA conjoint degree, a Bachelor of Arts (Honours) (BA(Hons)), a Postgraduate Diploma in Arts (PGDipArts), a Master of Arts (MA), or a PhD, majoring/specialising in French, or enrolled in at least 15 points of courses in French in Stage II or III or a Bachelor of Global Studies (BGlobalSt) or BGlobalSt conjoint degree (see Notes III to V).
- 4. The basis of selection will be academic merit (see Notes III to V) and the quality of a personal statement.
- 5. The Award will be made by the University of Auckland Council on the recommendation of a Selection Committee comprising the Deputy Head (Academic) of the School of Cultures, Languages and Linguistics (or nominee), the Major/Specialisation Leader for European Studies (or nominee), and one member of Academic Staff nominated by the Head of School.
- 6. The Award will be paid in one instalment in Semester One, 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).
- 7. To be paid the Award, the awardee must be enrolled i) in Stage II or III of a BA or BA conjoint degree, a BA(Hons), a PGDipArts, an MA degree or a PhD, majoring or specialising in French, or Stage II or III of a BGlobalSt or BGlobalSt conjoint degree, and ii) at least one course in French.
- 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 II). 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 provided that there is no departure from the main purpose of the Award.
- 12. Applications close with the Scholarships Office on 15 May in the year of the award.
- 13. Notes [I]-[III] below are deemed to be regulations.

#### **Notes**

- I. The tax-free status of this Award is under current legislation. The University of Auckland cannot guarantee this tax-free outcome.
- II. Candidates who are a subject or national of any state with which New Zealand is at war or who are unwilling to promise to serve King and Country if called upon in time of national peril may not be considered for or hold the Award
- III. For the purposes of this Scholarship, academic merit for applicants enrolled in the second year of a BA or BA conjoint programme will be assessed as a Scholarships grade point average (GPA) or grade point equivalent (GPE) obtained over the applicant's first year of full-time graded study. Academic merit for students entering their third or subsequent year of a BA or BA conjoint programme will be assessed as a Scholarships GPA or GPE obtained over the applicant's most recent two years of full-time graded study. Academic merit for students enrolled in a postgraduate programme will be assessed by the GPA or GPE obtained over the qualifying programme (see Notes II and III).
- IV. For the purposes of bachelors (honours), postgraduate diploma and masters study, 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. 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.
- V. For the purposes of PhD study, where the qualifying programme is an undergraduate honours degree (or equivalent undergraduate degree or integrated undergraduate and postgraduate degree) the GPA/GPE will be calculated over the final two years of full-time graded study (or equivalent) in the programme. In all other cases, the GPA/GPE will be calculated over the entirety of the programme.
- VI. 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.