

# Michael Synnott Scholarship

<b>Code:</b>	576
<b>Faculty:</b>	All
<b>Applicable study:</b>	Māori or Pacific students entering any undergraduate degree
<b>Closing date:</b>	Next available in 2027
<b>Tenure:</b>	Up to four years
<b>For:</b>	Assistance with study
<b>Number on offer:</b>	One
<b>Offer rate:</b>	One every three or four years
<b>Value:</b>	Up to \$8,000 pa

## Description

The Scholarship was established by Mark and Sally Synnott in memory of Mark's brother, Michael Synnott, to encourage students of Māori and Pacific descent to attend 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 Scholarships are awarded by the University of Auckland Council on the recommendation of the Selection Committee

## Regulations

1. The Scholarship shall be known as the Michael Synnott Scholarship.
2. One Scholarship will be awarded every three or four years, depending on the length of the awardee's undergraduate degree programme, and will be to the value of up to \$8,000 per annum (see Note II).
3. To be eligible for Scholarship consideration, an applicant must be i) a Māori student or a Pacific student (see Note III), ii) a New Zealand Citizen or Permanent Resident, and iii) enrolled, or enrolling, in the first year of an undergraduate degree or conjoint degree, or a Certificate in Health Sciences or Tertiary Foundation Certificate followed by an undergraduate degree or conjoint degree, in the year of the award. Applicants who have completed a Certificate of Health Sciences or Tertiary Foundation Certificate in the year preceding the year of the award, or applicants who have taken a gap year, may also be considered for the Scholarship for enrolment in an undergraduate degree or conjoint degree in the year of the award.
4. The Scholarship will be awarded on the basis of academic achievement based on results at Level 2 or higher in the National Certificate of Educational Achievement (NCEA) or an equivalent qualification or the grades achieved in the Certificate of Health Sciences or Tertiary Foundation Certificate, and the applicant's stated commitment to giving back to their community, potential to succeed at University, and financial need as assessed by a personal statement, the criteria at Note IV, and performance in an interview. Short-listed candidates may be required to attend an

interview.

5. The Scholarship shall be awarded by the University of Auckland Council on the recommendation of a Selection Committee comprising the Pro Vice-Chancellor (Equity) (or nominee), the Associate Director | Kaihautū of Schools and Community Engagement (or nominee) and the Donor (or nominee).
6. The Scholarship will be paid annually 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).
7. To be paid the Scholarship, the awardee must i) either gain admission to the University of Auckland with an NCEA rank score of at least 180 points, a CIE rank score of at least 190 points or an IB score of 27, or a grade point average (GPA) of 3.00 or above in the Certificate of Health Sciences or Tertiary Foundation Certificate; or meet the entry requirements for a Certificate in Health Sciences or Tertiary Foundation Certificate, and ii) be enrolled full-time in an undergraduate degree or conjoint degree; or a Certificate in Health Sciences or Tertiary Foundation Certificate at Waipapa Taumata Rau, University of Auckland. To be paid the second and subsequent instalments, the awardee must achieve a grade point equivalent (GPA) of at least 3.00 in each semester of the award (see Note V).
8. The Scholarship may not be held concurrently with any scholarship funded by Waipapa Taumata Rau, University of Auckland excluding a Tier 2 or 3 University of Auckland Academic Potential Scholarship. However, 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 has the power to terminate or suspend a Scholarship if it receives a report of unsatisfactory progress by a Scholar from the relevant Head of School or Department.
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 can amend or vary these Regulations, in consultation with the donor, provided that there is no departure from the main purpose of the Scholarship.
13. Application close with the Scholarships Office on 31 January in the year of the award.
14. 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. *The awardee may receive additional funding assistance of up to \$5,000 each year at the Donor's discretion, subject to their annual performance.*
- III. *Pacific applicants are defined as citizens or permanent residents of New Zealand who are of indigenous Pacific descent from any of the following islands: Samoa, American Samoa, Tonga, Cook Islands, Niue, Tokelau, Fiji (iTaukei), Rotuma, Solomon Islands, Vanuatu, New Caledonia, Papua New Guinea, Kiribati, Tuvalu, Palau, Marshall Islands, Federated States of Micronesia, Wallis and Futuna, Hawaii, French Polynesia, Rapanui (Easter Island), Pitcairn Islands, Nauru, Guam, Northern Mariana Islands.*
- IV. *Financial need will be determined by a range of factors including eligibility for a StudyLink Student Allowance, and personal financial circumstances.*
- V. *For the purposes of this Scholarship, the awardee's GPA is based on all the courses they undertake in each semester of study. If the awardee does not achieve the required GPA in Semester One, the donor reserves the right to review the awardee's eligibility for the second instalment on a case-by-case basis.*
- 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 from the date of the breach.*