Murray Wren Undergraduate Scholarship in Architecture

Code: 814
Faculty: Engineering and Design
Applicable study: First year of a Bachelor of Architectural Studies
Closing date: 8 October 2026
Tenure: Up to three years
For: Assistance with study
Number on offer: One
Offer rate: Annually
Value: Up to $15,000 pa

Description

The Scholarship was established in 2015 and is funded by a bequest from Murray Wren, who was a lifelong professional architect and who qualified in Architecture at the University of Auckland.

The purpose of this Scholarship is to encourage and support students undertaking study in Architecture, especially where this funding would make a significant contribution to their financial needs.

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 Scholarship shall be known as the Murray Wren Undergraduate Scholarship in Architecture.
2. One Scholarship will be awarded annually, for a period of up to three years, and will be of the value of up to $15,000 per annum.
3. To be eligible for Scholarship consideration, an applicant must be i) a New Zealand Citizen or Permanent Resident (see Note II), ii) currently enrolled in Year 13 at a New Zealand secondary school or kura and iii) intending to enrol full-time in a Bachelor of Architectural Studies (BAS) at Waipapa Taumata Rau, University of Auckland in the following year.
4. The basis of selection will be academic merit (see Note III), the quality of the applicant's portfolio submitted with their BAS application, and financial need as assessed by a personal statement and the criteria at Note IV.
5. The Scholarship will be awarded by the University of Auckland Council on the recommendation of a Selection Committee comprising the Head of the School of Architecture and Planning (or nominee), and two members of academic staff of the School of Architecture and Planning nominated by the Head of School.
6. To be paid the Scholarship, awardees must achieve admission to the University of Auckland with an NCEA rank score of at least 250, a CIE rank score of at least 300 or an IB score of at least 32, which are all equivalent to a

University of Auckland grade point equivalent (GPE) of 5.00, and ii) enrol full-time in a BAS.

7. The Scholarship will be paid as a fortnightly stipend, commencing 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). To continue to be paid the Scholarship, awardees must remain enrolled full-time in the BAS, and ii) maintain a grade point average (GPA) of at least 4.00 (equivalent to a B- average) in each semester of study (see Note III).
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 has the power to terminate or suspend a Scholarship if it receives a report of unsatisfactory progress by a Scholar from the Head of the School of Architecture and Planning.
10. The University of Auckland Council is not obliged to make an award if it 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 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 provided that there is no departure from the main purpose of the Scholarship.
13. Applications close with the Scholarships Office on 8 October in the year preceding the award.
14. Notes [I]-[VI] 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. 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 merit is based on results at level two or higher in the National Certificate of Educational Achievement (NCEA) or an equivalent qualification.

IV. Financial need will be determined by a range of factors including eligibility for a StudyLink Student Allowance, and personal and financial circumstances. Applicants need to demonstrate that they are experiencing financial hardship and that they are struggling to meet basic living costs. Incurred debt is not evidence of financial hardship.

V. The awardee's GPA is based on all courses they undertake in each semester of study.

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.