

# New Zealand Medical Women's Association Elective Award

<b>Code:</b>	476
<b>Faculty:</b>	Medical and Health Sciences
<b>Applicable study:</b>	Part VI of an MBChB
<b>Closing date:</b>	25 September 2025
<b>Tenure:</b>	One year
<b>For:</b>	Assistance in elective studies
<b>Number on offer:</b>	One
<b>Offer rate:</b>	Annually
<b>Value:</b>	\$1,200

## Description

The Award was established in 2005 by the New Zealand Medical Women's Association and replaces the NZMWA Auckland Branch award which has been funded annually since the 1970s.

The main purpose of the Award is to assist a woman enrolled in the final year of an MBChB to undertake an elective that focuses on the health of women and children.

## Selection process

- Application is made to the Scholarships Office
- A Selection Committee assesses the applications
- 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 New Zealand Medical Women's Association Elective Award.
2. One Award will be made annually for a period of one year and will be of the value of \$1,200.
3. To be eligible for Award consideration, an applicant must be i) a woman, ii) a New Zealand Citizen or Permanent Resident (see Note II), iii) enrolled in Part VI of the Bachelor of Medicine & Bachelor of Surgery (MBChB) degree in the Faculty of Medical and Health Sciences, and iv) undertaking an elective related to women and children's health.
4. The basis of selection will be academic merit (see Note III), the relevance of the proposed elective to the health of women and children, and financial need as assessed by a personal statement and the criteria at Note III.
5. The Award will be made by the University of Auckland Council on the recommendation of a Selection Committee comprising the Dean of the Faculty of Medical and Health Sciences (or nominee), the Chair of the MBChB Electives Committee (or nominee), and one representative of the Medical Programme Directorate.
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, an awardee must be enrolled in Part VI of the MBChB.

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 provided that there is no departure from the main purpose of the Award.
12. Applications close with the Scholarships Office on 25 September in the year preceding the award.
13. Notes [I]-[V] below are deemed to be regulations.

## Notes

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- I. The tax-free status of this Award 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 purposes of this Award academic merit is assessed as a Scholarships grade point average (GPA) or grade point equivalent (GPE) obtained over the most recent two years of full-time (or equivalent) graded study, Part II and III of the MBChB.*
- IV. Financial need will be determined by a range of factors including current or past eligibility for a StudyLink Student Allowance, and personal and financial circumstances.*
- V. 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.*