

NZAO Award for the Top Māori or Pacific Student Entering the Bachelor of Optometry Part II

Code:	247F
Faculty:	Medical and Health Sciences
Applicable study:	BOptom
Closing date:	No application required
Tenure:	One year
For:	Financial assistance
Number on offer:	One
Offer rate:	Annually
Value:	\$1,000

Description

The New Zealand Association of Optometrists has a long and valued relationship with the School of Optometry and Vision Science at the University of Auckland. In recognition of this, the NZAO established a set of undergraduate awards for Bachelor of Optometry students at the University.

The main purpose of the Award is to recognise the highest achieving Māori or Pacific student entering Part II of the Bachelor of Optometry.

Selection process

- No application required
- Nomination is made to the Scholarships Office
- The Award is made by the University of Auckland Council on the recommendation of the Head of the School of Optometry and Vision Science (or nominee)

Regulations

1. The Award will be known as the NZAO Award for the Top Māori or Pacific Student Entering the Bachelor of Optometry Part II.
2. One Award will be made annually, and will be of the value of \$1,000.
3. The Award will be made to the Māori student or Pacific student (see Note II) enrolled in Part II of the Bachelor of Optometry who achieved the highest grade point average (GPA) in the previous year.
4. The Award will be made by the University of Auckland Council on the recommendation of the Head of the School of Optometry and Vision Science (or nominee).
5. In the event of a tie, the Head of the School of Optometry and Vision Science (or nominee) will determine if the Prize may be shared. Each awardee will be awarded an amount equal to the original Award value.
6. The Award will be paid in one instalment in Semester One.

7. A student may be awarded only one New Zealand Association of Optometrists Award per year however, 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.
8. 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.
9. 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.
10. The University of Auckland Council can amend or vary these Regulations, in consultation with the NZAO, provided that there is no departure from the main purpose of the Award.
11. Notes [I]-[IV] 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. Pacific students 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.*
- III. Students who are repeating the previous year may not be considered for this Award.*
- IV. 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.*