

Olive Malienafau Nelson Pasifika Scholarship for Excellence

Code:	1149
Faculty:	Law
Applicable study:	Part III or Part IV of LLB, LLB(Hons) or associated conjoint degree
Closing date:	13 November 2025
Tenure:	One year
For:	Assistance with study
Number on offer:	One
Offer rate:	Annually
Value:	Up to \$10,000

Description

The Scholarship was established in 2022 to honour and celebrate the legacy of the late Olive Malienafau Nelson, the first Pacific graduate, the first Samoan graduate, one of the first woman graduates of Waipapa Taumata Rau, University of Auckland and the first woman to practice law in Samoa, where she made a notable contribution to drafting the country's constitution.

The Scholarship is funded by the Olive Malienafau Nelson Legacy Fund, which was established by the Sir Michael Jones Foundation, with the purpose of encouraging excellence in academic study, leadership, and service by Pasifika students in the Faculty of Law.

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 will be known as the Olive Malienafau Nelson Pasifika Scholarship for Excellence.
2. One Scholarship will be awarded annually for a period of up to one year and will be of the value of up to \$10,000.
3. To be eligible for Scholarship consideration, an applicant must be i) a Pasifika student (see Notes III to IV), and ii) enrolled, or enrolling, full-time in Part III or Part IV of a Bachelor of Laws (LLB), or Bachelor of Laws (Honours) (LLB(Hons)), or an associated conjoint degree at Waipapa Taumata Rau, University of Auckland. A grade point average (GPA) or grade point equivalent (GPE) of 4.50 is required for Scholarship consideration (see Note V).
4. The Scholarship is tenable by domestic and international students.
5. The basis of selection will be academic achievement as assessed by the GPA/GPE across all Law courses in the applicant's LLB or LLB(Hons) degree (see Note V), and demonstrated participation in Pasifika cultural contexts as assessed by a personal statement. The following criteria may inform selection i) the applicant's participation and service in Pasifika spaces in the University, and ii) the applicant's participation and service in Pasifika spaces in the

wider Pasifika community in New Zealand and beyond. Consideration may also be given to financial need as assessed by a personal statement and the criteria at Note V. Short-listed candidates may be invited to participate in talanoa, either in person or via video-conference.

6. The Scholarship will be awarded by the University of Auckland Council on the recommendation of a Selection Committee comprising the Dean of the Faculty of Law (or nominee), Manupiri Te Moananui-a-Kiwa | Associate Dean (Pacific) of the Faculty of Law (or nominee), an additional academic staff member nominated by the Dean of the Faculty of Law, and up to two representatives of the donor.
7. To be paid the Scholarship, the awardee must be enrolled full-time in Part III or Part IV of an LLB, LLB(Hons), or associated conjoint degree programme.
8. The Scholarship will be paid as a contribution towards compulsory tuition fees 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). Any remaining balance may be paid directly to the student in Semester Two to assist with study and living costs.
9. To be paid the Semester Two instalment, awardees must have achieved a GPA of at least 4.50 in Semester One.
10. The Scholarship may be held 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.
11. The University of Auckland Council, in consultation with the donor, has the power to terminate or suspend a scholarship if it receives a report of unsatisfactory progress of a Scholar from the Dean of the Faculty of Law.
12. 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.
13. 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 II). Failure to comply with this regulation will result in the termination of the Scholarship.
14. The University of Auckland Council, in consultation with the donor, can amend or vary these regulations provided that there is no departure from the main purpose of the Scholarship.
15. Applications close with the Scholarships Office on 13 November in the year preceding the award.
16. Notes [I]-[VII] below are deemed to be Regulations.

Notes

- I. *Tuition/Compulsory fees are only those related to the relevant programme of study, plus Student Services Fee.*
- II. *The tax-free status of this Scholarship is under current legislation. The University of Auckland cannot guarantee this tax-free outcome.*
- III. *Pasifika students are defined as students 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. *Applicants will be required to provide evidence of their Pacific island descent.*
- V. *Academic achievement will be assessed as the applicant's GPA/GPE across all Law courses in the applicant's undergraduate degree, taking into account the number of points and grades obtained for each course.*
- VI. *Financial need will be determined by a range of factors including eligibility for a StudyLink Student Allowance, and personal and financial circumstances.*
- VII. *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.*