

Orbit World Travel Award

Code:	1036
Faculty:	Arts
Applicable study:	Stage II or III of BA or BA conjoint degree
Closing date:	Not available for 2024
Tenure:	Up to one year
For:	Assistance with overseas study
Number on offer:	Varies
Offer rate:	Twice a year
Value:	At least \$2,000 each

Description

The Award was established in 2019 and is funded by Orbit World Travel.

The main purpose of the Award is to assist full-time Bachelor of Arts or Bachelor of Arts conjoint students with the costs of studying overseas while on an approved student exchange, short-term programme or special project relevant to their degree studies.

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 Award will be known as the Orbit World Travel Award.
2. Awards will be made twice a year and will be of the value of at least \$2,000 each.
3. To be eligible for Award consideration, an applicant must i) be a New Zealand Citizen or Permanent Resident, ii) be enrolled, or enrolling, full-time in Stage II or Stage III level courses in a Bachelor of Arts or Bachelor of Arts conjoint degree at the time of application, iii) be either intending to enrol as an exchange student at an approved exchange partner, intending to enrol in a short-term programme of study at an overseas institution, or intending to undertake a special project relevant to their current programme of study, such as attending or participating at a conference or summer-school located overseas, and iv) have booked, or are intending to book, their flights and/or travel with Orbit World Travel (see Note II).
4. The basis of selection will be academic merit (see Note III), the quality of a personal statement outlining the benefits of the planned travel and how it is relevant to the applicant's current programme of study, financial need as assessed by a personal statement and the criteria at Note IV. Applications must include a proposed budget.
5. The Award will be made by the University of Auckland Council on the recommendation of a Selection Committee comprising the Associate Dean (International) of the Faculty of Arts (or nominee), the Assistant Dean (Students and

Equity) of the Faculty of Arts (or nominee) and an academic staff member of the Faculty of Arts, nominated by the Associate Dean (International) of the Faculty of Arts.

6. The Award will be paid in one instalment.
7. To be paid the Award, the awardee must i) provide confirmation of their enrolment or participation in one of the activities listed in Regulation 3 iii), ii) have booked their flights and/or travel with Orbit World Travel, and iii) have registered their travel plans with 360 International in accordance with the Overseas student activity travel registration process (see Notes II and V).
8. The Award 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 Award.
9. The University of Auckland Council is not obliged to make an award if it is determined there are no candidates that meet the criteria and/or no candidates of sufficient merit.
10. Payments under the terms of this Award 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 Award.
11. 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 Award.
12. 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. Students arranging their travel directly should contact Orbit at travel.uoa@auckland.ac.nz or via House of Travel Parnell.*
- III. For the purpose of this Award, academic merit is assessed as the grade point average (GPA) or grade point equivalent (GPE) obtained over the candidate's two most recent years of full-time graded study (or equivalent). Where a student has not yet completed two years of full-time study (or equivalent) the GPA/GPE will be obtained over all semesters of study completed at the time of application for the Award.*
- IV. Financial need will be determined by a range of factors including eligibility for a StudyLink Student Allowance, and personal financial circumstances.*
- V. Awardees must register their travel plans with 360 International, (refer <https://www.auckland.ac.nz/en/study/study-options/360-international/university-student-activity-travel.html>).*
- VI. 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.*