

Pong, Tams and Ko Scholarship

Code:	1037
Faculty:	All
Applicable study:	Undergraduate degree
Closing date:	13 March 2025
Tenure:	One year
For:	Assistance with study
Number on offer:	One or more
Offer rate:	Annually
Value:	Up to \$8,000

Description

The Scholarship was established in 2019 and is funded by Jeffrey Pong Chiu Fai, Raymond Tam Man Kin, Ronald Tam Man Hong and Grant Ko Lun.

The main purpose of the Scholarship is to encourage and assist students with disabilities with the cost of their studies at the University of Auckland.

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 Pong, Tams and Ko Scholarship.
2. One or more Scholarships will be awarded annually, each for a period of up to one year, and will be of the value of up to \$8,000 in total. Payments to part time students may be pro-rated. Awardees may reapply in subsequent years.
3. To be eligible for Scholarship consideration, an applicant must be i) a student with a disability (see Note II), and ii) enrolled, or enrolling, full-time or part-time in any year of an undergraduate degree programme at Waipapa Taumata Rau, University of Auckland. A grade point average (GPA) or grade point equivalent (GPE) of at least 3.50 is required for Scholarship consideration (see Note III).
4. The Scholarship is tenable by domestic or international students.
5. The basis of selection will be how the Scholarship could assist the applicant with their studies as assessed by a personal statement, and academic achievement (see Note III).
6. The Scholarship will be awarded by the University of Auckland Council upon the recommendation of a Selection Committee comprising the Student Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Manager (or nominee), the Manager of Students with Disabilities (or nominee) and a representative of the donors.
7. The Scholarship will be paid as in two equal instalments in Semester One and Semester 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). Payments to part-time students may be pro-rated.

8. To be paid the Scholarship, awardees must be enrolled full-time or part-time in any year of an undergraduate programme at Waipapa Taumata Rau, University of Auckland. To be paid the second instalment, awardees will be required to achieve a GPA of at least 3.50 in Semester One (see Note IV).
9. 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.
10. 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 relevant Head of School or Department.
11. 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.
12. 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.
13. 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.
14. Applications close with the Scholarships Office on 13 March in the year of the award.
15. 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. Waipapa Taumata Rau, University of Auckland defines disability as any physical, psychological, cognitive or sensory impairment which, in interaction with social and systemic barriers, restricts a person's full and effective participation in university life on an equal basis with others.*
- III. For the purpose of this scholarship, academic achievement for students entering their first year of study is based on results at level two or higher in the National Certificate of Educational Achievement (NCEA) or an equivalent qualification. For students entering their second year, academic achievement is assessed as a Scholarships grade point average (GPA) or grade point equivalent (GPE) obtained over the applicant's first year of full-time, or equivalent if part-time, graded study. For students entering their third or subsequent years, academic achievement is assessed as a Scholarships GPA or GPE obtained over the applicant's most recent two years of full-time, or equivalent if part-time, graded study.*
- IV. For the purposes of this Scholarship, the recipient's grade point average (GPA) is based on all the courses they undertake in each semester of study. A GPA of 3.50 is equivalent to between a C+ and B- average. In the case of MBChB Part IV, V and VI students, where no grade is allocated, the Scholarships Office will confirm satisfactory academic progress is being made from the Head of the Medical programme.*
- V. In making a recommendation for this Scholarship, the Selection Committee shall take into account other scholarships, bursaries and awards held by the candidates, with a view of achieving a fair distribution of monies to qualifying candidates.*
- 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 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.*