

# Presbyterian Methodist Congregational Grafton Scholarship

<b>Code:</b>	862
<b>Faculty:</b>	All
<b>Applicable study:</b>	First three years of a full-time undergraduate degree programme at the University of Auckland
<b>Closing date:</b>	9 October 2025
<b>Tenure:</b>	Up to three years
<b>For:</b>	Accommodation
<b>Number on offer:</b>	10
<b>Offer rate:</b>	Annually
<b>Value:</b>	Up to the first three years of accommodation in Grafton Hall

## Description

The Scholarship was established in 2016 and is funded by the Presbyterian Methodist Congregational Foundation.

The main purpose of the Scholarship is to support undergraduate students who wish to study at Waipapa Taumata Rau, University of Auckland but for whom the cost of accommodation would be a barrier to accessing tertiary education.

## 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 Presbyterian Methodist Congregational Grafton Scholarship.
2. Up to 10 Scholarships will be awarded annually, each for a period of up to three years. The Scholarship will cover all of the costs of catered accommodation in a single room in Grafton Hall. Accommodation costs will only be covered for Semesters One and Two. Accommodation during the Summer School Semester is not covered by the Scholarship.
3. To be eligible for Scholarship consideration, an applicant must i) be a New Zealand Citizen or Permanent Resident (see Note II), ii) either a) be currently enrolled in their last year of study at a New Zealand secondary school or kura (see Note III) or b) have left school during or at the end of the previous secondary school year and did not subsequently enrol at any University or other tertiary institution (within or outside New Zealand), and iii) be intending to enrol full-time in an undergraduate degree programme at Waipapa Taumata Rau, University of Auckland in the following year (see Note III). Māori applicants and Pacific applicants intending to enrol in a Certificate of Health Sciences, followed by an undergraduate degree programme may also be considered for the Scholarship.
4. The basis of selection will be financial need and the applicant's motivation to succeed at University as assessed by a personal statement and the criteria at Note IV, and academic ability based on results at Level 2 or higher in the

National Certificate of Educational Achievement (NCEA) or an equivalent qualification.

5. The Scholarship will be awarded by the University of Auckland Council on the recommendation of a selection committee comprising the Pro Vice Chancellor (Education) (or nominee), the Director of Alumni Relations and Development (or nominee) and one representative of the Donor.
6. The Scholarship will be paid directly to Grafton Hall. No part of the Scholarship can be exchanged for a similar or equal cash value at any time.
7. To be paid the first year of the Scholarship, awardees must i) achieve admission to Waipapa Taumata Rau, University of Auckland with an NCEA rank score of at least 180, a CIE rank score of 190, or an IB score of at least 27 and ii) be enrolled full-time across both semesters in an undergraduate degree or a Certificate in Health Sciences at Waipapa Taumata Rau, University of Auckland (see Notes V to VII).
8. To remain in payment of the Scholarship for years two and three, awardees must i) maintain a full-time undergraduate degree programme of study at Waipapa Taumata Rau, University of Auckland, ii) achieve a grade point average (GPA) of at least 3.00 (equivalent to a C+ average) in each semester of study (see Notes IX to X), iii) submit a satisfactory annual report (see Note XI), and iv) remain in residence at Grafton Hall (see Note VII). Awardees who commenced study in a Certificate in Health Sciences must enrol in a degree programme in the second and third years of study to remain in payment of the Scholarship.
9. The Scholarship may not be held concurrently with any other scholarships, awards or grants that include accommodation (see Note V). They 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, in consultation with the Donors, 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 Department or School and/or Grafton Hall.
11. 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.
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 can amend or vary these Regulations, in consultation with the Donors, provided that there is no departure from the main purpose of the Scholarship.
14. Applications close with the Scholarships Office on 9 October in the year preceding the award.
15. Notes [I]-[XI] below are deemed to be regulations.

## Notes

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- I. *The tax-free status of this Scholarship 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. *The last year of study at secondary school or kura may be year 12 or 13.*
- IV. *Financial need will be determined by a range of factors including eligibility for a StudyLink Student Allowance, and personal and financial circumstances. Applicants need to demonstrate that they are experiencing financial hardship and that they are struggling to meet basic living costs. Incurred debt is not evidence of financial hardship.*
- V. *Awardees who are offered more than one scholarship including accommodation will be required to select which scholarship they wish to take up.*
- VI. *Except in cases where there are compelling medical reasons or adverse personal circumstances beyond a student's control, the uptake of scholarships cannot be deferred. Deferral requests must be made in writing to the*

*Scholarships Office.*

- VII. If a student enrolls at another tertiary institution in New Zealand or overseas, or the student is no longer resident in Grafton Hall, the Scholarship will be forfeited.*
- VIII. Awardees must be enrolled continuously in their programme of study. Deferrals for students who have commenced their degree will not usually be approved unless there are compelling medical or adverse personal circumstances beyond the student's control. Deferral requests must be made in writing to the Scholarships Office.*
- IX. The awardee's GPA is based on all courses they undertake in each semester of study.*
- X. Where an awardee does not achieve a GPA of 3.00 in any semester, their eligibility to retain the Scholarship will be reviewed, taking into account their overall GPA for the semester and any exceptional circumstances beyond the student's control.*
- XI. 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.*