

R J Mowat Memorial Award in Earth Sciences

Code:	175
Faculty:	Science
Applicable study:	MSc or BSc (Hons) research in Earth Sciences, MEngGeol, or Part IV of BAdvSci(Hons) in Geology
Closing date:	By nomination
Tenure:	One year
For:	Assistance with study
Number on offer:	One
Offer rate:	Annually
Value:	\$2,000

Description

The Award was established in 1998 and is financed from a bequest to the Department of Geology, University of Auckland, from the estate of Robin James Mowat. Mr Mowat was a former seaman, and as a mature student enrolled in Stage I courses in Geology in 1981 and 1982.

The main purpose of the Award is to support postgraduate research in the Master of Science or and Bachelor of Science (Honours) research in Earth Sciences, or Part IV of a Bachelor of Advanced Science (Honours) in Geology.

Selection process

- Nomination is made to the Scholarships Office
- The Award is made by the University of Auckland Council on the recommendation of the Selection Committee

Regulations

1. The Award will be known as the R J Mowat Memorial Award in Earth Sciences.
2. One Award will be made each year, for a period of one year, and will be to the value of \$2,000.
3. To be eligible for Award consideration, a candidate must be i) enrolled full-time in a Bachelor of Science (Honours) (BSc(Hons)) or Master of Science in Earth Science (MSc), or Master of Engineering Geology (MEngGeol), or in Part IV of a Bachelor of Advanced Science (Honours) (BAdvSci(Hons)) in Geology in the School of Environment and ii) enrolled in a thesis or dissertation undertaking research in Earth Sciences or Geology, particularly sedimentology, stratigraphy, palaeontology or marine geology.
4. The Award is tenable by domestic and international students.
5. Selection will be based on academic merit (see Notes II to III).
6. The Award will be made by the University of Auckland Council on the recommendation of a Selection Committee comprising the Head of the School of Environment (or nominee), the Head of Earth Sciences (or nominee) and one other member of the academic staff of the School of Environment.
7. The Award will be made in one instalment on acceptance of the Award offer and satisfaction of Regulation 8.

8. To be paid the Award, the awardee must be enrolled full-time in a thesis or dissertation as part of either Part IV of a BAdvSci(Hons) in Geology, or a BSc(Hons), or MSc in Earth Sciences, or a MEngGeol.
9. The Award may be held concurrently with any other scholarship, award or grant where the regulations for that scholarship, award or grant permit and where 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.
10. 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.
11. 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.
12. The University of Auckland Council can amend or vary these Regulations provided that there is no departure from the main purpose of the Award.
13. Regulations [I]-[IV] 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. *For the purposes of this Award, academic achievement for students enrolling in Part IV of a BAdvSci(Hons) will be assessed as the GPA obtained over the applicant's most recent two years of full-time graded study (or equivalent). Academic merit for students enrolling in a BSci(Hons) or MSc or MEngGeol will be assessed as the GPA/GPE calculated over most recent qualifying programme (see Note II).*
- III. *The most recent qualifying programme is defined as the most recently completed programme of study that qualifies the applicant for entry to the postgraduate programme for which they are applying. Where the most recently completed programme is a conjoint programme the GPA/GPE will be calculated over the relevant component of the conjoint programme. The maximum approved exchange or transfer credit that can be excluded from the GPA/GPE calculation for the qualifying programme is 60 points. Where a bridging programme, including a Transitional Certificate, Graduate Diploma or Certificate of Proficiency, is required to qualify the applicant for entry to the postgraduate programme for which they are applying or are currently enrolled, the qualifying programme is the bridging programme and the most recently completed prior programme.*
- 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.*