

R N Brothers Memorial Award

Code:	80
Faculty:	Science
Applicable study:	Postgraduate degree in Earth Sciences
Closing date:	9 April 2026
Tenure:	One year
For:	Assistance with field-based Research
Number on offer:	One
Offer rate:	Annually
Value:	Up to \$5,000

Description

The Award was established in 1988 in memory of the late Professor R N Brothers who was a student, graduate and then member of staff of the Department of Geology, including a personal chair in 1969 and the Chair in Geology from 1974. The Award is funded by donations from past and present students and staff of the Department of Geology, colleagues, friends and family.

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 R N Brothers Memorial Award.
2. One Award will be offered annually, for a period of up to one year and will be of the value of up to \$5,000. Awardees may reapply in subsequent years.
3. To be eligible for Award consideration, an applicant must be i) enrolled, or enrolling, in a postgraduate research programme in Earth Sciences at Waipapa Taumata Rau, University of Auckland, and ii) undertaking, or intending to undertake, field-based geological research in New Zealand or the South West Pacific.
4. The Award is tenable by domestic and international students.
5. The basis of selection will be academic merit as assessed by the grade point average (GPA) or grade point equivalent (GPE) calculated over the most recent qualifying programme (see Note I) and the quality and nature of the proposed research. The application should include a summary of the research project being undertaken and an estimate of costs involved in the field aspects of the research.
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) and two academic staff contributing to the Earth Sciences programme.
7. To be paid the Award, the awardee must be i) enrolled in a postgraduate research programme in Earth Sciences at

Waipapa Taumata Rau, University of Auckland, and ii) undertaking field based geological research in New Zealand or the South West Pacific.

8. The Award will normally be paid in one instalment in Semester One or 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).
9. The Award may be held concurrently 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.
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. The University of Auckland Council can amend or vary these regulations provided that there is no departure from the main purpose of the Award.
12. Applications close with the Scholarships Office on 9 April in the year of the award.
13. Notes [I]-[III] below are deemed to be regulations.

Notes

- I. 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 entirety 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.*
- II. 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. Failure to comply with this regulation will result in the termination of the Award.*
- III. 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.*