

# Rachel and James Wadham Law Scholarship

<b>Code:</b>	1127
<b>Faculty:</b>	Law
<b>Applicable study:</b>	LLB, LLB(Hons) or associated conjoint degree
<b>Closing date:</b>	By nomination
<b>Tenure:</b>	One year
<b>For:</b>	Assistance with study
<b>Number on offer:</b>	One
<b>Offer rate:</b>	Annually
<b>Value:</b>	Up to \$8,000

## Description

The Scholarship was established in 2021 and is funded by Rachel and James Wadham, alumni of the University of Auckland.

The main purpose of the Scholarship is to mitigate the barriers faced by students from refugee backgrounds so that they can access undergraduate study and the transformative potential of a tertiary qualification.

## Selection process

- A Selection Committee assesses candidates short-listed from eligible applications to the University of Auckland Scholarship for Students from Refugee Backgrounds
- 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 Rachel and James Wadham Law Scholarship.
2. One Scholarship will be awarded annually for a period of up to one year and will be of the value of up to \$8,000. Awardees of the Scholarship may hold the Scholarship in subsequent years.
3. To be eligible for Scholarship consideration, a candidate must i) be a New Zealand Citizen or Permanent Resident (see Note II), ii) come from a refugee background (see Note III), iii) be enrolled or enrolling full-time in Part II, Part III or Part IV of a Bachelor of Laws (LLB), LLB(Hons) or associated conjoint degree, and iv) have applied for the University of Auckland Scholarship for Students from Refugee Backgrounds. A grade point average (GPA) or grade point equivalent (GPE) of at least 3.50 is required for Scholarship consideration.
4. The basis of selection will be academic achievement and demonstrated financial need (see Notes IV to V).
5. The Scholarship will be awarded by the University of Auckland Council upon the recommendation of a Selection Committee comprising the Dean of the Faculty of Law (or nominee), and two academic staff members nominated by the Dean.
6. The Scholarship will be paid in two equal instalments in Semester One and 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).

7. To be paid the Scholarship, the awardee must be enrolled full-time in Part II, Part III or Part IV of an LLB, LLB(Hons) or associated conjoint degree.
8. 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 approved. 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.
9. The University of Auckland Council, in consultation with the donor, has the power to terminate or suspend a scholarship if it receives a report of unsatisfactory progress by a Scholar from the Dean of the Faculty of Law.
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 Scholarship 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 Scholarship.
12. 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.
13. Notes [I]-[VI] 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. Refugee background refers to students who have themselves or whose parents/primary guardian(s) have been granted refuge in New Zealand.*
- 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. For the purpose of this Scholarship, academic achievement for students enrolling in Part II is assessed as a Scholarships grade point average (GPA) or grade point equivalent (GPE) obtained over the applicant's first year of full-time graded study. For students enrolling in Part Three or Part IV, academic achievement is assessed as a Scholarships GPA or GPE obtained over the applicant's most recent two years of full-time graded study.*
- 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 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.*