

Rewi Thompson Undergraduate Scholarship in Architecture

Code:	978
Faculty:	Engineering and Design
Applicable study:	Māori students enrolled in BAS
Closing date:	26 June 2025
Tenure:	One year
For:	Assistance with study
Number on offer:	One
Offer rate:	Annually
Value:	\$8,000

Description

The Scholarship was established in 2018 in honour of the late Rewi Thompson, an alumnus of and adjunct professor at the University of Auckland's School of Architecture and Planning, who was one of New Zealand's leading architects and a world-renowned indigenous architect. The Scholarship is funded by Architectus, whose founding directors, Patrick Clifford, Malcolm Bowes and Michael Thomson were great friends and colleagues from Rewi's university days.

The main purpose of the Scholarship is to encourage and support a student of Māori descent undertaking study in Architecture at Waipapa Taumata Rau, 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 Rewi Thompson Undergraduate Scholarship in Architecture.
2. One Scholarship will be awarded annually, for a period of up to one year, and will be of the value of \$8,000.
3. To be eligible for Scholarship consideration, an applicant must be i) a Māori student, ii) a New Zealand Citizen or Permanent Resident (see Note II), and iii) enrolled full-time in a Bachelor of Architectural Studies (BAS) at Waipapa Taumata Rau, University of Auckland. A grade point average (GPA) or grade point equivalent (GPE) of at least 4.70 is required for Scholarship consideration (see Note III).
4. The basis of selection will be academic merit (see Note III), why the applicant wants to be an architect, and how the applicant would benefit from the financial support of the Scholarship as assessed by a personal statement. Applicants must state their ancestry or iwi affiliations.
5. The Scholarship will be awarded by the University of Auckland Council on the recommendation of a Selection Committee comprising the Head of the School of Architecture and Planning (or nominee), and two members of Academic Staff from the School of Architecture and Planning nominated by the Head of School.

6. To be paid the Scholarship, awardees must be enrolled full-time in the BAS.
7. The Scholarship will be paid in one instalment, in 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).
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 approves. It is the responsibility of the awardee to declare to the Scholarships Office all other scholarships, awards and grant funding received and for which the awardee receives payment while also in payment for this Scholarship.
9. 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.
10. 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.
11. 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.
12. Applications close with the Scholarships Office on 26 June in the year of the award.
13. Notes [I]-[V] 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. 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. For the purpose of this Scholarship, academic merit for students enrolled in Part One is based on results at level two or higher in the National Certificate of Educational Achievement (NCEA) or an equivalent qualification. For students enrolled in Part Two, academic merit 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 enrolled in Part Three, academic merit is assessed as a Scholarships grade point average (GPA) or grade point equivalent (GPE) obtained over the applicant's most recent two years of full-time graded study.*
- IV. Awardees may be given the opportunity to undertake work experience with Architectus.*
- V. Awardees will be required to comply with the regulations and must notify the Scholarships Office of any change in their enrolment or funding situation. 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.*