

RTA Studio Scholarship for Māori Architecture Students

Code:	1009
Faculty:	Engineering and Design
Applicable study:	Māori students enrolled in the first year of a BAS
Closing date:	26 June 2025
Tenure:	Up to 5 years
For:	Assistance with study
Number on offer:	One
Offer rate:	Annually
Value:	Up to \$10,000 in total (see Reg. 2)

Description

The Scholarship was established in 2018 and is funded by RTA Studio.

The main purpose of the Scholarship is to support Māori students during their study of 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 RTA Studio Scholarship for Māori Architecture Students.
2. One Scholarship will be awarded annually, for a period of up to five years, and will be of the value of \$2,000 per annum, up to a total value of \$10,000.
3. To be eligible for Scholarship consideration, an applicant must be i) a Māori student, ii) a Citizen or Permanent Resident of New Zealand (see Note II), iii) enrolled full-time in the first year of a Bachelor of Architectural Studies (BAS) at Waipapa Taumata Rau, University of Auckland.
4. The first three years of the Award Scholarship will cover the BAS, and the fourth and fifth year of the Scholarship will cover the Master of Architecture (Professional).
5. The basis of selection will be academic achievement based on results achieved in Semester One, the quality of the applicant's portfolio submitted with their BAS application, 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.
6. 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), one member of Academic Staff from the School of Architecture and Planning nominated by the Head of School, and one representative of the

donor.

7. In the first year, the Scholarship will be paid in instalment upon acceptance of the award, and in annual instalments in Semester One of each subsequent year of study, 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. To be paid the Scholarship, the awardee must be enrolled full-time in a BAS. To be paid the second and subsequent instalments, awardees must i) remain enrolled in a BAS, followed by a Master of Architecture (Professional) and ii) maintain a grade point average (GPA) of at least 4.00 (equivalent to a B- average) in each semester of study (see Note V).
9. 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 or grant funding received and for which the awardee receives payment while also in payment for this Award.
10. 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 Head of the School of Architecture and Planning.
11. 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.
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, in consultation with the donor, can amend or vary these regulations provided that there is no departure from the main purpose of the Scholarship.
14. Applications close with the Scholarships Office on 26 June in the year of the award.
15. Notes [I]-[VI] 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. Awardees may be given the opportunity to undertake an annual two-week work experience at RTA Studio.*
- IV. Awardees may be asked to participate in promotional activities, including speaking to high school students about architecture as a profession for Māori students.*
- V. The awardee's GPA is based on all courses they undertake in each semester of study.*
- VI. 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 from the date of the breach.*