

Seth and Flavia Rankin MBChB First in Family Scholarship

Code:	1167
Faculty:	Medical and Health Sciences
Applicable study:	MBChB student who is first in family to study at university
Closing date:	Next available for 2027
Tenure:	Up to five years
For:	Assistance with study
Number on offer:	One
Offer rate:	Every five years
Value:	Up to \$12,000 pa

Description

The Scholarship was established in 2022 and is funded by Seth and Flavia Rankin. Seth Rankin studied Medicine at Waipapa Taumata Rau, University of Auckland.

The main purpose of the Scholarship is to assist an MBChB student who is the first member of their immediate family to attend university and who, because of financial hardship, may not otherwise be able to undertake a university degree.

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 Seth and Flavia Rankin MBChB First in Family Scholarship.
2. One Scholarship will be awarded every five years and will be of the value of up to \$12,000 per annum. The Scholarship will cover up to five years towards the completion of an MBChB degree (see Note I).
3. To be eligible for Scholarship consideration, an applicant must i) be a New Zealand Citizen or Permanent Resident, ii) be the first member of their family to attend a university (see Note III), iii) be enrolled in their first undergraduate qualification and iv) have been accepted into Part II of an MBChB degree at Waipapa Taumata Rau, University of Auckland either under First Year entry from the Bachelor of Health Sciences or Bachelor of Science (Biomedical Science) or through MAPAS. Students who have already completed an undergraduate or postgraduate qualification are not eligible for consideration for this Scholarship.
4. The basis of selection will be academic merit (see Note IV), the applicant's motivation to succeed at university and demonstrated financial hardship as assessed by a personal statement and the criteria at Note V.
5. The Scholarship will be awarded by the University of Auckland Council on the recommendation of a Selection Committee comprising the Head of the Medical Programme (or nominee), a representative of the Alumni Relations and Development Department and one representative of the Donors.

6. To be paid the Scholarship, the awardee must be enrolled full-time in the Part II of an MBChB degree at Waipapa Taumata Rau, University of Auckland.
7. The Scholarship will be paid as a fortnightly stipend in each semester of study. Payment will commence 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 in the second and subsequent years of the Scholarship, the awardee will be required to maintain a grade point average (GPA) of at least 6.00 (equivalent to a B+ average) in each year of study where a GPA is available or achieve a Pass grade where a GPA is not available (see Note VI).
9. The Scholarship may not be held concurrently with any scholarship funded by Waipapa Taumata Rau, University of Auckland, excluding a Tier 2 or 3 University of Auckland Academic Potential Scholarship. However, it 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 Scholarship.
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 Medical Programme.
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. The University of Auckland Council, in consultation with the Donors, can amend or vary these regulations provided that there is no departure from the main purpose of the Scholarship.
13. Applications close with the Scholarships Office on TBC in the year of the award.
14. Notes [I]-[VII] 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. *The Scholarship may also cover a Bachelor of Medical Science (Honours) year after Part III of the MBChB. Awardees must apply in writing to the Scholarships Office during their Part III year.*
- III. *For the purpose of this scholarship, 'first in family' to attend university means the first member in their family, including parents and siblings, to enrol at a university. Adoptive and step parents and siblings are considered part of the nuclear family where they have lived with the applicant for the previous five or more years.*
- IV. *Academic merit is assessed by the application for admission to Part II of the MBChB.*
- V. *Financial need will be determined by a range of factors including current or past 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.*
- VI. *For the purposes of this Scholarship, the awardee's grade point average (GPA) is based on all the courses they undertake in each year of study.*
- VII. *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. Failure to comply with this regulation will result in the termination of the Scholarship.*
- VIII. *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.*