

Sinclair Scholarship

Code:	256
Faculty:	Faculty of Science
Applicable study:	BSc or BAdvSci(Hons) in Biology, Computational Biology or Ecology
Closing date:	27 March 2025
Tenure:	One year
For:	Assistance
Number on offer:	One
Offer rate:	Annually
Value:	Up to \$3,000

Description

Mr Thomas Bannatyne Gillies, a Judge of the Supreme Court of New Zealand, presented to the Council of the Auckland University College, in the year 1884, the sum of Stg3000 for the purpose of founding two science Scholarships, one to be called the Sinclair Scholarship, in memory of Dr Andrew Sinclair, uncle of the late Mrs Gillies, the other to be called the Gillies Scholarship, for the assistance of students experiencing financial hardship.

The Scholarship was founded for the encouragement of the study of Biological Science.

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 Sinclair Scholarship.
2. One Scholarship will be awarded annually for a period of up to one year and will be of the value of \$3,000.
3. To be eligible for Scholarship consideration, an applicant must i) have been born in New Zealand, ii) be under 19 years of age at the time of application (see Note II), iii) be enrolled, or enrolling, full-time in the first year of a Bachelor of Science (BSc) or BSc conjoint degree, or a Bachelor of Advanced Science (Honours) (BAdvSci(Hons) or BAdvSci(Hons) conjoint degree, iv) be majoring/specialising in either Biology, Computational Biology or Ecology, and v) be enrolled in at least 30 points of courses in either Biology, Computational Biology or Ecology.
4. The basis of selection will be academic merit based on results in Level 3 of the National Certificate of Educational Achievement (NCEA) or an equivalent qualification and financial hardship as assessed by a personal statement and the criteria at Note III.
5. The Scholarship will be awarded by the University of Auckland Council on the recommendation of a Selection Committee comprising the Associate Dean (Academic) of the Faculty of Science (or nominee), the Head of the School of Biological Sciences (or nominee) and an academic staff member nominated by the Associate Dean

(Academic) of the Faculty of Science.

6. The Scholarship will be paid in one instalment upon award.
7. To be paid the Scholarship, the awardee must be enrolled in at least 30 points of courses in either Biology, Computational Biology or Ecology.
8. The Scholarship 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 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 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 27 March in the year of the award.
13. Notes [I]-[IV] 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. Applicants must provide a copy of their birth certificate with their application.*
- III. Financial hardship will be determined by a range of factors including eligibility for a StudyLink Student Allowance and personal financial circumstances.*
- IV. 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.*