Taitea Undergraduate Award in Creative Learning

Code:	1094
Faculty:	Creative Arts and Industries
Applicable study:	Practical creative undergraduate degree (see Note II)
Closing date:	No application required
Tenure:	Up to three years
For:	Assistance with study
Number on offer:	One
Offer rate:	Annually
Value:	Up to $4,500

Description

The Award was established in 2020 and is funded by the John Weeks Memorial Trust in collaboration with the Auckland University Students' Association.

The main purpose of the Award is to support students commencing creative Bachelor studies in the Faculty of Creative Arts and Industries who have demonstrated the potential to succeed but are experiencing hardships or who may have been disadvantaged due to personal circumstances.

Selection process

- A Selection Committee assesses candidates short-listed from eligible applications for the University of Auckland Top Achiever Scholarship, the University of Auckland Māori Academic Excellence Scholarship, the University of Auckland Pacific Academic Excellence Scholarship, and the University of Auckland Academic Potential Scholarship – School Leavers
- Nomination is made to the Scholarships Office
- The Award is made by the University of Auckland Council on the recommendation of the Selection Committee

Regulations

1. The Award will be known as the Taitea Undergraduate Award in Creative Learning.
2. One Award will be made annually, for a period of up to three years, and will be of the value of up to $4,500 per annum.
3. To be eligible for Award consideration, a candidate must be i) a New Zealand Citizen or Permanent Resident, ii) currently in their final year at a New Zealand secondary school or kura, iii) intending to enrol in a practical creative undergraduate degree programme, including conjoint degrees, in the Faculty of Creative Arts and Industries at Waipapa Taumata Rau, University of Auckland in the following year (see Note II), and iv) have applied for at least one of the following scholarships: the University of Auckland Top Achiever Scholarship, the University of Auckland Māori Academic Excellence Scholarship, the University of Auckland Pacific Excellence Scholarship, or the University of Auckland Academic Potential Scholarship – School Leavers.

4. The basis of selection will be academic ability based on results at Level 2 or higher in the National Certificate of Educational Achievement (NCEA) or an equivalent qualification. The personal circumstances of candidates will also be taken into consideration including: the decile or Equity Index number of the most recent secondary school or kura attended, Māori students, Pacific students, students who are the first in their family to attend university, students from a refugee background, students with disabilities, students who reside, or attended secondary school or kura, in a rural area (see Notes III to VII).
5. The Award will be made by the University of Auckland Council on the recommendation of a Selection Committee comprising the Dean of the Faculty of Creative Arts and Industries (or nominee) and two additional members of academic staff of the Faculty appointed by the Dean.
6. The Award will be paid in two equal instalments each year, 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 Award, awardees must i) achieve admission to the University of Auckland, and ii) be enrolled full-time or part-time in a practical creative degree programme in the Faculty of Creative Arts and Industries at the University of Auckland (see Notes I, VIII and IX). To be paid the second and subsequent instalments, the awardee will be required to maintain a grade point average (GPA) of at least 3.50 in each semester of study (see Notes XI to X).
8. The Award may not be held concurrently with a University of Auckland Top Achiever Scholarship, a University of Auckland Māori Academic Excellence Scholarship, a University of Auckland Pacific Academic Excellence Scholarship, a University of Auckland Academic Potential Scholarship or a Faculty of Creative Arts and Industries Entry Level Undergraduate 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 while also in payment for this Award.
9. The University of Auckland Council, in consultation with the Auckland University Students' Association, has the power to terminate or suspend an Award if it receives a report of unsatisfactory progress by a Scholar from the Associate Dean (Academic) of the Faculty of Creative Arts and Industries.
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 academic merit.
11. Payments under the terms of this Award 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 Award.
12. The University of Auckland Council, in consultation with the Auckland University Students' Association, can amend or vary these regulations provided that there is no departure from the main purpose of the Award.
13. Notes [I]-[XIII] below are deemed to be Regulations.

Notes

I. The tax-free status of this Award is under current legislation. The University of Auckland cannot guarantee this tax-free outcome.

II. Practical creative degree programmes include the Bachelor of Architectural Studies, Bachelor of Dance Studies, Bachelor of Design, Bachelor of Fine Arts, and the Bachelor of Music specialising in either Creative Practice: Classical; Creative Practice: Composition; Creative Practice: Jazz or Creative Practice: Popular Music.

III. Pacific applicants are defined as citizens or permanent residents of New Zealand who are of indigenous Pacific descent from any of the following islands: Samoa, American Samoa, Tonga, Cook Islands, Niue, Tokelau, Fiji (iTaukei), Rotuma, Solomon Islands, Vanuatu, New Caledonia, Papua New Guinea, Kiribati, Tuvalu, Palau, Marshall Islands, Federated States of Micronesia, Wallis and Futuna, Hawaii, French Polynesia, Rapanui (Easter Island), Pitcairn Islands, Nauru, Guam, Northern Mariana Islands.

IV. For the purposes of this Award, 'first in family' to attend university means that no member of the candidate's immediate family, including parents and siblings, has completed a university qualification prior to the candidate's first

year of study. Adoptive and step parents and siblings are considered part of the family where they have lived with the candidate for the previous five or more years.

V. *For the purposes of this Award, refugee background refers to students who have themselves or whose parents/primary guardian(s) have been granted refuge in New Zealand.*

VI. *Waipapa Taumata Rau defines disability as any physical, psychological, cognitive or sensory impairment which, in interaction with social and systemic barriers, restricts a person's full and effective participation in university life on an equal basis with others.*

VII. *For the purpose of this Award, a rural area is defined as an area outside the local authority boundaries of city councils in Auckland, Hamilton, Tauranga, Wellington, Porirua, Lower Hutt, Upper Hutt, Christchurch, and Dunedin.*

VIII. *Except in cases where there are compelling medical reasons or adverse personal circumstances beyond a student's control, the uptake of awards cannot be deferred. Students who are offered a Taitea Undergraduate Award in Creative Learning but who do not take it up in the year of offer may request that their application be reconsidered in the intake of applications for the year immediately following. Deferral requests must be made in writing to the Scholarships Office.*

IX. *If a student enrols at another tertiary institution in New Zealand or overseas, the Award will be forfeited.*

X. *Awardees must be enrolled continuously in their programme of study. Deferrals for students who have already commenced their degree will not usually be approved unless there are compelling medical or adverse personal circumstances beyond the student's control. Deferral requests must be made in writing to the Scholarships Office.*

XI. *The awardee's grade point average (GPA) is based on all the courses they undertake in each semester of study.*

XII. *As a condition of tenure, awardees may be required to participate in secondary school or kura recruitment and engagement activity undertaken by the Faculty of Creative Arts and Industries.*

XIII. *Awardees will be required to comply with the regulations for the Award 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 Award and require repayment of the funds received from the date of the breach.*