

# Taurus Charitable Trust Postgraduate Scholarships in Music

<b>Code:</b>	808
<b>Faculty:</b>	Arts and Education
<b>Applicable study:</b>	Postgraduate Study in Music
<b>Closing date:</b>	11 March 2025
<b>Tenure:</b>	One Year
<b>For:</b>	Assistance with study
<b>Number on offer:</b>	Up to two
<b>Offer rate:</b>	Annually
<b>Value:</b>	Up to \$5,000 each

## Description

The Scholarships were established in 2015 and are funded by the Taurus Charitable Trust.

The main purpose of the Scholarships is to encourage and support students undertaking postgraduate study in Music.

## 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 Scholarships shall be known as the Taurus Charitable Trust Postgraduate Scholarships in Music.
2. Up to two Scholarships will be awarded annually for a period of one year, and will be of the value of up to \$5,000 each. Awardees may apply in subsequent years.
3. To be eligible for Scholarship consideration, an applicant must be i) a New Zealand Citizen or Permanent Resident (see Note II), and ii) enrolled, or enrolling, full-time in either a Bachelor of Music (Honours) (BMus(Hons)), a Postgraduate Diploma in Music (PGDipMus), a Master of Music (MMus), or a Doctor of Philosophy (PhD), in the School of Music at Waipapa Taumata Rau, University of Auckland. A grade point average (GPA) or grade point equivalent (GPE) of 6.00 (5.50 for Māori applicants or Pacific applicants) in their qualifying programme is required for Scholarship consideration (see Notes III to V).
4. The basis of selection will be academic merit as assessed by the GPA/GPE obtained in the applicant's qualifying programme (see Notes III and IV), and the applicant's potential to succeed in the field of Music and financial need as assessed by a personal statement and the criteria at Note VI.
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 Music (or nominee), and two members from the School of Music Scholarships Committee nominated by the Head of the School of Music.
6. The Scholarship will be paid in one instalment on acceptance of the Scholarship and satisfaction of the requirements

of Regulation 7.

7. 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 or grant funding received and for which the awardee receives payment while also in payment for this Scholarship.
8. 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.
9. 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.
10. The University of Auckland Council can amend or vary these Regulations, in consultation with the Donor, provided that there is no departure from the main purpose of the Scholarship.
11. Applications close with the Scholarships Office on 11 March in the year of the award.
12. Notes [I] -[VII] below are deemed to be regulations.

## Notes

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- 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. *Pacific applicants are defined as New Zealand Citizens or Permanent Residents 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 students enrolled, or enrolling, in a BMus(Hons), PGDip or MMus, the qualifying programme is defined as the most recently completed programme of study that qualifies the applicant for entry to the postgraduate programme for which they are applying or have commenced. Where the most recently completed programme is a conjoint programme the GPA/GPE will be calculated over the entirety of the conjoint programme. The maximum approved exchange or transfer credit that can be excluded from the GPA/GPE calculation for the qualifying programme is 60 points. Where a bridging programme, including a Transitional Certificate, Graduate Diploma or Certificate of Proficiency, is required to qualify the applicant for entry to the postgraduate programme for which they are applying or are currently enrolled, the qualifying programme is the bridging programme and the most recently completed prior programme.*
- V. *For students enrolled or enrolling in a PhD, to be deemed a qualifying programme for the purposes of scholarship consideration, an individual programme must satisfy Regulation 13a and b of the PhD Statute. Where the qualifying programme is an undergraduate honours degree (or equivalent undergraduate degree or integrated undergraduate and postgraduate degree), the grade point average or equivalent will be calculated over the final two years of full-time study (or equivalent) in the programme. In all other cases, the grade point average or equivalent will be calculated over the entirety of the qualifying programme.*
- VI. *Financial need will be determined by a range of factors including previous or current eligibility for a StudyLink Student Allowance, and personal and financial circumstances.*
- VII. *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.*