Te Wānanga o Waipapa Postgraduate Award

Description

The Award was established in 2018 and is funded by Penelope Brook who held positions at the World Bank and is the inaugural Executive Director of Atlantic Institute in Oxford.

The intention of the Award is to encourage and support Māori students and Pacific students to undertake postgraduate study in the Faculty of Arts at Waipapa Taumata Rau, University of Auckland.

Selection process

- Application is made to the Scholarships Office
- A Selection Committee assesses the applications
- 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 Te Wānanga o Waipapa Postgraduate Award.
2. Up to two Awards will be made annually for a period of up to one year and will be of the total value of up to $10,000. Either one Award of $10,000 or two Awards of $5,000 may be made.
3. To be eligible for Award consideration, an applicant must be i) a Māori student or a Pacific student (see Note II), ii) a New Zealand Citizen or Permanent Resident, and iii) enrolled, or enrolling, full-time in either a postgraduate Bachelors (Honours) degree, a Postgraduate Diploma, a masters degree, or a PhD in the Faculty of Arts at Waipapa Taumata Rau, University of Auckland.
4. The basis of selection will be academic achievement as assessed by the grade point average (GPA) or grade point equivalent (GPE) calculated over the most recent qualifying programme (see Note III), and the applicant’s study and career goals and aspirations as assessed by a personal statement.
5. The Scholarship will be awarded by the University of Auckland Council upon the recommendation of a Selection Committee comprising the Associate Dean (Postgraduate) of the Faculty of Arts (or nominee), Head of Te Wānanga o Waipapa (or nominee), and an academic staff member nominated by the Associate Dean (Postgraduate) of the Faculty of Arts.
6. Payment will be made in one equal instalments in Semester One, 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) for awardees enrolled at honours, PGDip or masters level, and from the date specified by the Selection Committee for awardees enrolled in a PhD.

7. To be paid the Award, awardees must be enrolled full-time in either a postgraduate Bachelors (Honours) degree, a PGDip, a masters degree or a PhD in the Faculty of Arts at Waipapa Taumata Rau, University of Auckland.

8. The Te Wānanga o Waipapa Postgraduate Award may be held with any other scholarship, award or grant where the Regulations for that 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.

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. 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 26 March in the year of the award.

12. Notes [I] – [V] 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. Pacific students 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), Nauru, Pitcairn Islands, Guam, Northern Mariana Islands.

III. The most recent 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. Where the most recently completed programme is a conjoint programme, the GPA/GPE will be calculated over the relevant component 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.

IV. Payments under the terms of this Award 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 (see Note I). Failure to comply with this regulation will result in the termination of the Award.

V. 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 funds received.