

# The Kate Edger Educational Charitable Trust Bachelor with Honours Award

<b>Code:</b>	839
<b>Faculty:</b>	All
<b>Applicable study:</b>	Women enrolling in the final year of an undergraduate Bachelor (Honours) degree or a postgraduate Bachelor (Honours) degree
<b>Closing date:</b>	12 February 2024
<b>Tenure:</b>	One year
<b>For:</b>	Assistance with study
<b>Number on offer:</b>	Up to five per year
<b>Offer rate:</b>	Annually
<b>Value:</b>	Up to \$8,000 each

## Description

The Award is funded by The Kate Edger Educational Charitable Trust.

The main purpose of the Award is to assist women to complete the final year of an undergraduate Bachelor with Honours Degree or postgraduate Bachelors with Honours Degree at Waipapa Taumata Rau, University of Auckland. The Award is intended for students studying full-time towards a qualification; however, the Trustees recognise that health conditions or impairments can limit a person's ability to study full-time and have extended the Award in 2023 to include part-time study on a case-by-case basis.

## Selection process

- Application is made to the Scholarships Office
- The Kate Edger Educational Charitable Trust assesses the applications
- The Awards are made by the University of Auckland Council on the recommendation of The Kate Edger Educational Charitable Trust

## Regulations

1. The Award shall be known as The Kate Edger Educational Charitable Trust Bachelor with Honours Award.
2. Up to five Awards will be made annually, each for a period of one year, and will be of the value of up to \$8,000 each. Part-time students will be paid pro-rata
3. To be eligible for Award consideration, an applicant must be i) a woman, ii) a New Zealand Citizen or Permanent Resident, iii) enrolled, or enrolling, full-time in either the final year of an undergraduate Bachelor (Honours) degree or in a postgraduate Bachelor (Honours) degree at Waipapa Taumata Rau, University of Auckland. Students with health conditions or impairments that limit their ability to study full-time may apply to hold the Award on a part-time basis (see Regulation 4 and Note II). A grade point average (GPA) or grade point equivalent (GPE) of at least 6.00 (5.50

for Māori candidates or Pacific candidates) in the applicant's qualifying programme is required for Award consideration (see Note III).

4. The basis of selection will be academic merit (see Note III), demonstrated financial need, the applicant's aspirations for the future and any special circumstances for consideration as assessed by personal statements and the criteria at Notes IV and V, and an academic reference (see Note VI). Applications from students studying part-time must include documentation supporting their reasons for studying part-time (see Notes II and VII).
5. The Award will be made by the University of Auckland Council on the recommendation of The Kate Edger Educational Charitable Trust.
6. The Award will be paid in two equal instalments, 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). Payment will be pro-rated for part-time study.
7. To be paid the Award, awardees must be enrolled in either the final year of an undergraduate Bachelor (Honours) degree or in a postgraduate Bachelor (Honours) degree at Waipapa Taumata Rau, University of Auckland (see Note VIII).
8. The Award may not be held concurrently with any other scholarship, award or grant of equal or higher value. However, it may be held with any scholarship, other award or grant as long as the regulations for that scholarship, award or grant permit and the University of Auckland Council and The Kate Edger Education Charitable Trust are informed and approve. 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, in consultation with The Kate Edger Educational Charitable Trust, has the power to terminate or suspend an Award if it receives a report of unsatisfactory progress by a Scholar from the relevant Academic Head.
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 merit.
11. 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.
12. The University of Auckland Council, in consultation with The Kate Edger Educational Charitable Trust can amend or vary these Regulations provided that there is no departure from the main purpose of the Award.
13. Applications close with the Scholarships Office on 12 February in the year of the award.
14. Notes [I]-[XI] below are deemed to be regulations.

## Notes

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- I. *The tax-free status of this Award is under current legislation. The University of Auckland cannot guarantee this tax-free outcome.*
- II. *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.*
- III. *For the purpose of this Award, academic merit is assessed as a Scholarships GPA or GPE obtained over the applicant's most recent two years of full-time graded study (or equivalent).*
- IV. *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.*
- V. *Special circumstances may include personal or family circumstances the applicant deems relevant to their application.*
- VI. *The reference must be from an academic staff member at Waipapa Taumata Rau, University of Auckland, not be related to the applicant, and must comment on the applicant's work, study and progress, the applicant's commitment to their work, research ability, potential and any other comments the referee deems relevant to the application.*

- VII. Examples of supporting documents include, but are not limited to, a letter of support from a disability service provider, the Students with Disabilities office, or your general practitioner.*
- VIII. Awardees who are unable to complete their study in any semester due to compelling circumstances must apply in writing to the Manager of the Scholarships Office for special consideration before the end of the applicable semester. Awardees who do not complete any semester of study may be required to refund that semester's payment to The Kate Edger Educational Charitable Trust (see Note XI).*
- IX. Awardees will be required to submit a brief report to the Awards Convenor of The Kate Edger Educational Charitable Trust at the end of their year of study.*
- X. 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.*
- XI. The Award is also open to eligible students from other approved institutions in the Auckland area, who should apply directly through The Kate Edger Educational Charitable Trust.*