

Todd Trust Scholarship in Fine Arts

Code:	794
Faculty:	Arts and Education
Applicable study:	MFA, DFA or PhD in Fine Arts
Closing date:	15 April 2026
Tenure:	One Year
For:	Assistance with study
Number on offer:	One
Offer rate:	Annually
Value:	Up to \$8,000

Description

The Scholarship was established in 2015 and is funded by the Todd Trust.

The main purpose of the Scholarship is to encourage and support students undertaking postgraduate study in Fine Arts.

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 shall be known as the Todd Trust Scholarship in Fine Arts.
2. One Scholarship will be awarded annually for a period of one year, and will be of the value of up to \$8,000.
3. To be eligible for Scholarship consideration, an applicant must be i) a New Zealand Citizen or Permanent Resident (see Note II), ii) enrolled full-time in either a Master of Fine Arts (MFA), a Doctor of Fine Arts (DFA) or a Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) in Fine Arts, in the School of Creative Arts.
4. The basis of selection will be academic merit as assessed by the grade point average (GPA) or grade point equivalent (GPE) calculated over the qualifying programme (see Notes III and IV), the applicant's potential to succeed in the field of Fine Arts and demonstrated financial need as assessed by a personal statement and the criteria at Note V.
5. The Scholarship will be awarded by the University of Auckland Council on the recommendation of a Selection Committee comprising the Fine Arts Discipline Director (or nominee), two members of Academic Staff, as appointed by the Fine Arts Discipline Director.
6. The Scholarship will be paid in one instalment on acceptance of the Scholarship offer and satisfaction of Regulation 7.
7. To be paid the Scholarship, the awardee must be enrolled full-time in either an MFA, a DFA, or a PhD in Fine Arts.
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 or 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, in consultation with the Donor, provided that there is no departure from the main purpose of the Scholarship.
12. Applications close with the Scholarships Office on 15 April in the year of the award.
13. Notes [I]-[VI] 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. 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. For the purposes of a masters programme, the most recent qualifying programme is defined as the most recently completed programme of study that qualifies the applicant for entry to the masters 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. For the purposes of a doctoral programme, 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 GPA/GPE will be calculated over the final two years of full-time graded study (or equivalent) in the programme. Where a qualifying programme is entirely pass/fail, the University may generate a GPA/E only where the programme consists entirely of a thesis. In all other cases, the GPA/GPE will be calculated over the entirety of the programme.*
- V. 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.*
- VI. 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.*