

# University of Auckland 140th Anniversary Kupenga Rau Māori and Pacific Scholarship

Code:	1182
Faculty:	All
Applicable study:	First year of full-time study for an undergraduate degree programme at Waipapa Taumata Rau, University of Auckland
Closing date:	By nomination
Tenure:	One year
For:	Assistance with study
Number on offer:	Varies
Offer rate:	Annually
Value:	\$5,000 each

## Description

The Scholarship was established in 2023 and is funded by Waipapa Taumata Rau, University of Auckland to commemorate the 140th anniversary of the founding of the university.

The main purpose of the Scholarship is to financially support academically-able Māori and Pacific students attending university for the first time having left secondary school or kura in the previous year.

## 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, the University of Auckland Waka Moana Scholarship, the University of Auckland Vaka Moana Scholarship, and the University of Auckland Academic Potential Scholarship – School Leavers
- 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 University of Auckland 140th Anniversary Kupenga Rau Māori and Pacific Scholarship.
2. Scholarships will be awarded annually for a period of up to one year, and will be of the value of \$5,000 paid in two equal instalments of \$2,500 in Semester One and Two. The Scholarship will be recorded on the scholar's academic transcript.
3. To be eligible for consideration, a candidate must be i) New Zealand Māori or of Indigenous Pacific Island descent (see Note II), ii) a New Zealand Citizen or Permanent Resident (see Note III), iii) currently enrolled in their final year at a New Zealand secondary school or kura, iv) intending to enrol full-time in a degree at Waipapa Taumata Rau, University of Auckland in the year of offer, and v) 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 Academic Excellence Scholarship, the University of Auckland Waka Moana Scholarship, the University of Auckland Vaka Moana Scholarship, or the University of Auckland Academic Potential Scholarship - School Leavers. A Year 12 rank score equivalent to a Waipapa Taumata Rau, University of Auckland entry grade point equivalent (GPE) of 5.00 is required for Scholarship consideration.

4. The initial basis of selection will be outstanding academic ability based on results at Level 2 or higher in the National Certificate of Educational Achievement (NCEA) or an equivalent qualification.
5. The Scholarship will be awarded by the University of Auckland Council on the recommendation of a Selection Committee comprising the Pro Vice-Chancellor Education, the Pro Vice-Chancellor Māori, and the Pro Vice-Chancellor Pacific (or their nominees).
6. Applicants who have been offered a Scholarship must accept their offer by the date prescribed in the letter of award, otherwise the Scholarship offer will be forfeited.
7. To be paid the Scholarship, awardees must i) achieve admission to Waipapa Taumata Rau, University of Auckland with an NCEA rank score of at least 160, a CIE rank score of at least 160 or an IB score of at least 25, which are all equivalent to a Waipapa Taumata Rau, University of Auckland entry grade point equivalent (GPE) of 2.40, and ii) enrol full-time in an undergraduate degree (see Notes IV to VI).
8. Awardees who are directed to enrol in a Tertiary Foundation Certificate or a Certificate in Health Sciences prior to enrolling in an undergraduate degree may be eligible for consideration to hold the Scholarship. Consideration will be on a case-by-case basis at the time of uptake.
9. The starting date for Scholarship funding will be Semester One in the year immediately following the final year of enrolment at a secondary school or kura (see Notes IV to V).
10. The Scholarship 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). To be paid the second instalment, awardees must have achieved a passing grade in all courses in their first semester of enrolment (see Note VII).
11. As a condition of tenure, awardees will be required to enrol full-time for at least four semesters of study in an undergraduate degree at Waipapa Taumata Rau, University of Auckland, or (where approved) the Tertiary Foundation Certificate or the Certificate in Health Sciences followed by degree level study (see Notes VIII to IX).
12. A University of Auckland 140th Anniversary Kupenga Rau Māori and Pacific Scholarship may not be held concurrently with any other scholarship funded by Waipapa Taumata Rau, University of Auckland (including faculties, LSRIIs or URCs). However, it 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.
13. The University of Auckland Council is not obliged to make the full number of awards if it is determined there are no candidates that meet the criteria and/or no candidates of sufficient merit.
14. Payments under the terms of this Scholarship 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 Scholarship.
15. The University of Auckland Council can amend or vary these regulations provided that there is no departure from the main purpose of the Scholarship.
16. Notes [I]-[IX] 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. *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.*

- III. 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>.*
- IV. Except in cases where there are compelling medical reasons or adverse personal circumstances beyond a student's control, the uptake of scholarships cannot be deferred. Deferral requests must be made in writing to the Scholarships Office. The decision of the Scholarships Office is final.*
- V. If a student enrolls at another tertiary institution in New Zealand or overseas, the Scholarship will be forfeited.*
- VI. 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. The decision of the Scholarships Office is final.*
- VII. The awardee's GPA is based on all the courses they undertake in each semester of study.*
- VIII. Awardees who take up this Scholarship but do not complete at least four semesters of study at Waipapa Taumata Rau, University of Auckland or who withdraw their enrolment in any semester after payment has been made, will normally be required to pay back the full sum of monies received.*
- IX. 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 from the date of the breach.*