University of Auckland Academic Potential Scholarship - Pathway Programme Students

Code:	903(b)
Faculty:	All
Applicable study:	First three full-time years of an undergraduate degree programme for students currently enrolled in a TFC or CertHSc programme
Closing date:	21 August 2024
Tenure:	Three years
For:	Assistance with study (including one year of accommodation for Tier 1)
Number on offer:	Up to 100
Offer rate:	Annually
Value:	Up to $25,000, awarded in three tiers (see Regs. 2 to 5)

Description

The Scholarship was established in 2016 and is funded by Waipapa Taumata Rau, University of Auckland.

Waipapa Taumata Rau, University of Auckland is committed to providing a safe, inclusive and equitable study environment for all students who have the potential to succeed in a university of high international standing.

The University of Auckland Academic Potential Scholarship acknowledges that some talented students may face significant barriers to tertiary education and takes into account a number of factors that can impact on an individual's ability to participate at university. They recognise students who have achieved academically, but who are experiencing hardships or who may have been disadvantaged due to their personal circumstances.

Selection process

- Application is made to the Scholarships Office
- A Review Committee assesses the applications
- The Scholarship is awarded by the University of Auckland Council on the recommendation of the Review Committee

Regulations

1. The Scholarship will be known as the University of Auckland Academic Potential Scholarship – Pathway Programme Students.
2. Up to 100 Scholarships will be awarded annually, each for the first three years of the Scholar's undergraduate degree. Awards are made in three different tiers up to a value of $25,000 each, and the Review Committee will determine under which tier a successful applicant will be awarded. The value of each Scholarship is determined by the tier awarded (see Regulations 3 to 5). The Scholarship will be recorded on the scholar's academic transcript.
3. A Tier 1 Scholarship will cover the cost of one year of catered accommodation in a single room in a Waipapa

Taumata Rau, University of Auckland Hall of Residence in the first year of study, plus $5,000 (see Regulation 10 and Notes II to V).

4. A Tier 2 Scholarship will be of the value of up to $10,000 payable over three years (see Regulation 12).
5. A Tier 3 Scholarship will be of the value of up to $6,000 payable over three years (see Regulation 12).
6. To be eligible for Scholarship consideration, an applicant must be i) a New Zealand Citizen or Permanent Resident (see Note VI), ii) currently enrolled in either a Tertiary Foundation Certificate (TFC) or Certificate in Health Sciences (CertHSc) (see Note VII), and iii) intending to enrol full-time in an undergraduate degree at Waipapa Taumata Rau, University of Auckland in the following year. An estimated grade point average (GPA) of at least 5.60 is required for Tier 1 Scholarship consideration, an estimated GPA of at least 4.20 is required for Tier 2 Scholarship consideration, and an estimated GPA of at least 3.50 is required for Tier 3 Scholarship consideration.
7. The initial basis of selection will be academic ability based on grades for the current year of study in the TFC or CertHSc. The personal circumstances of applicants will also be taken into consideration including financial need, the decile or Equity Index number of the most recent secondary school or kura attended, if the applicant is the first in their family to attend university, if the applicant comes from a refugee background, if the applicant has a disability, if the applicant has care responsibilities for whānau, and if the applicant lives, or attended secondary school or kura, in a rural area (see Notes VIII to XIII).
8. The Scholarship will be awarded by the University of Auckland Council on the recommendation of a Review Committee comprising the Pro Vice-Chancellor Equity (or nominee), the Associate Director – Schools and Community Engagement (or nominee), one member of staff nominated by the Pro Vice-Chancellor Māori, and two Academic Staff representatives nominated by the Pro Vice-Chancellor Education. In addition, all awarding recommendations will be endorsed by the Entry Level Review Committee.
9. 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.
10. In the first year of a Tier 1 Scholarship, the accommodation component will be paid directly to Accommodation Services and cannot be exchanged for a similar or cash value at any time. The $5,000 component will be paid in instalments in each year of tenure, as soon as is practical after confirmation of full-time enrolment (that is, after the final date on which a student may add or delete courses without incurring a late enrolment fee) each semester (see Note XV).
11. To be paid a Tier 1 Scholarship, awardees must i) achieve admission to a Waipapa Taumata Rau, University of Auckland undergraduate degree programme with a GPA of 5.60 or above in their TFC or CertHSc programme, ii) enrol full-time in an undergraduate degree, and iii), only where the applicant was considered under the demonstrated financial need criteria, provide confirmation of their eligibility for a StudyLink Student Allowance (see Notes XIV to XVIII).
12. Tier 2 and Tier 3 Scholarships will be paid in instalments in each year of tenure, as soon as is practical after confirmation of full-time enrolment (that is, after the final date on which a student may add or delete courses without incurring a late enrolment fee) each semester (see Note XV).
13. To be paid a Tier 2 Scholarship, awardees must i) achieve admission to a Waipapa Taumata Rau, University of Auckland undergraduate degree programme with a GPA of 4.20 or above in their TFC or CertHSc programme, ii) enrol full-time in an undergraduate degree, and iii), only where the applicant was considered under the demonstrated financial need criteria, provide confirmation of their eligibility for a StudyLink Student Allowance (see Notes XIV to XVIII).
14. To be paid a Tier 3 Scholarship, the awardee must i) achieve admission to a Waipapa Taumata Rau, University of Auckland undergraduate degree programme with a GPA of 3.50 or above in their TFC or CertHSc programme, and ii) enrol full-time in an undergraduate degree (see Notes XVI to XVIII).
15. The starting date for Scholarship funding will be either Semester One or Two, in accordance with the awardee's enrolment, in the year immediately following the completion of the TFC or CertHSc programme (see Notes XVI to XVIII).
16. As a condition of tenure, awardees will be required to i) enrol full-time in a degree at Waipapa Taumata Rau, University of Auckland and achieve a passing grade in all courses in each semester of study (see Notes XVIII to

XXII).

17. A University of Auckland Academic Potential Scholarship may not be held concurrently with any other Scholarship funded by Waipapa Taumata Rau, University of Auckland (including faculties and Large Scale Research Institutes (LSRIs), or University Research Centres (URCs)), excluding a Summer Research Scholarship. However, it may be held concurrently with any other scholarship, award or grant where the regulations for that award or grant permit and where 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.
18. 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 candidates of sufficient merit.
19. 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.
20. The University of Auckland Council can amend or vary these regulations provided that there is no departure from the main purpose of the Scholarship.
21. Applications close with the Scholarships Office on 21 August in the year preceding the award.
22. Notes [I]-[XXIII] 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. Students who are aged 19 years or under will be eligible for catered accommodation in a single room in the following Waipapa Taumata Rau, University of Auckland Halls of Residence: Grafton Hall, O'Rorke Hall, University Hall - Towers, and Waipārūrū Hall.

III. Students who are aged 19 years or older will be eligible for self-catered accommodation in the following Waipapa Taumata Rau, University of Auckland managed residences: a single room in Carlaw Park Student Village, Grafton Student Flats, or Te Tirohanga o te Tōangaroa.

IV. All students who accept a Tier 1 Scholarship will be required to accept and take up a place in a Waipapa Taumata Rau, University of Auckland Hall of Residence as a condition of holding a University of Auckland Academic Potential Tier 1 Scholarship. Exceptions to the requirement to take up the accommodation component will be considered only under exceptional circumstances and on a case-by-case basis.

V. Students need to make a separate application for university accommodation by the relevant deadline.

VI. 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.

VII. Applicants for the University of Auckland Academic Potential Scholarship – Pathway Programme Students must be applied for while the applicant is currently enrolled in a Waipapa Taumata Rau, University of Auckland pathway programme. Students who wish to take a gap year or who do not intend to enrol at university next year are required to apply for this Scholarship before they complete their pathway programme, and their application will be considered with applications received in the following year.

VIII. Financial need will be determined by eligibility for a StudyLink Student Allowance.

IX. For the purpose of this Scholarship, 'first in family' means that no member of the applicant's immediate family, including parents and siblings, has completed a university qualification prior to the applicant's first year of study. Adoptive and step parents and siblings are considered part of the family where they have lived with the applicant for the previous five or more years.

X. For the purposes of this Scholarship, refugee background refers to students who have themselves or whose parents/primary guardian(s) have been granted refuge in New Zealand.

XI. Waipapa Taumata Rau, University of Auckland defines disability as any physical, psychological, cognitive or

sensory impairment which may, in interaction with social and systemic barriers, limit a person's full and effective participation in university life on an equal basis with others.

XII. *Care responsibilities for whānau/family is defined as providing care for someone close to them who needs help with everyday living because of a health condition or disability to support them to live with dignity and participate more fully in society. Care responsibilities could include looking after relatives in the applicant's immediate family who live in the same household, including children, siblings, parents or grandparents.*

XIII. *For the purpose of this Scholarship, a rural area is defined as an area outside the local authority boundaries of city councils in Auckland, Hamilton, Tauranga, Wellington, Porirua, Lower Hutt, Upper Hutt, Christchurch, and Dunedin.*

XIV. *If an awardee is not eligible for a Student Allowance but has exceptional circumstances, an appeal may be made in writing outlining the student's circumstances to the Manager of the Scholarships Office. Referee endorsement may be requested.*

XV. *A payment schedule will be available at www.auckland.ac.nz/scholarships/academic-potential-pathway.*

XVI. *Students intending to commence study in Semester Two are advised to seek academic advice from their faculty and to enrol in their proposed courses well before Semester One commences.*

XVII. *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. Students who are offered a University of Auckland Academic Potential Scholarship but who do not take it up in the year of offer may request that their application be reconsidered in the intake of applications for the year immediately following. Deferral requests must be made in writing to the Scholarships Office. The decision of the Scholarships Office is final.*

XVIII. *If a student enrols at another tertiary institution in New Zealand or overseas, the Scholarship will be forfeited.*

XIX. *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.*

XX. *A passing grade is a C-.*

XXI. *Where an awardee does not achieve a passing grade in one or more courses, their eligibility to retain the Scholarship will be reviewed, taking into account their overall GPA for the semester and any exceptional circumstances beyond the student's control. This process is outlined at www.auckland.ac.nz/scholarships/academic-potential-pathway.*

XXII. *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 be required to pay back the full sum of monies received.*

XXIII. *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.*