

University of Auckland High Performance Sports Scholarship

Code:	1187
Faculty:	All
Applicable study:	First year of an undergraduate programme at Waipapa Taumata Rau, University of Auckland
Closing date:	9 October 2025
Tenure:	One year
For:	Study and support related assistance
Number on offer:	10
Offer rate:	Varies
Value:	\$5,000 each

Description

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

The University of Auckland High Performance Sport Scholarship acknowledges that some talented students who are pursuing academia and sport 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 and their chosen sport simultaneously.

Membership onto the University's High Performance Support Programme will be granted with all academic, performance and personal support and benefits associated with this membership offered.

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 will be known as the University of Auckland High Performance Sports Scholarship.
2. Ten Scholarships will be awarded for a period of up to one year and will be of the value of up to \$5,000 each.
3. To be eligible for Scholarship consideration, applicants must be i) a New Zealand Citizen or Permanent Resident (see Note II), ii) currently enrolled in their final year at a New Zealand secondary school or kura, and iii) intending to enrol full-time or part-time in the first year of an undergraduate degree programme at Waipapa Taumata Rau, University of Auckland in 2025.
4. The basis of selection will be academic ability based on results at Level 2 or higher in the National Certificate of

Educational Achievement (NCEA) or an equivalent qualification, the applicant's sporting ability and potential based on results nationally and internationally, the applicant's ability to represent University sporting teams and/or clubs, and a supporting reference from High Performance Sport New Zealand and/or the National Sporting Organisation. The University of Auckland High Performance Sport Programme's eligibility criteria will inform sporting ability and potential (see Note III). 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 student has a disability, if the student has care responsibilities for whānau, or if the applicant lives or attends secondary school or kura in a rural area (see Notes IV to IX).

5. The Scholarship will be awarded by the University of Auckland Council on the recommendation of a Selection Committee comprising the Kaiaarataki (or nominee), the Associate Director Sport and Recreation (or nominee), and Te Rewanga Kaitiaki, Schools and Community Outreach Manager (or nominee).
6. The Scholarship will be paid in one instalment 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).
7. To be paid the Scholarship, the awardee must i) have achieved admission to Waipapa Taumata Rau, University of Auckland with an NCEA rank score of at least 200, a CIE rank score of at least 200 or an IB score of at least 27, and ii) be enrolled in at least 15 points in an undergraduate degree programme at Waipapa Taumata Rau, University of Auckland, iii) be a member of the High Performance Support Programme (see Notes III and XI).
8. The Scholarship may be held 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, in consultation with the donor, has the power to terminate or suspend a scholarship if it receives a report of unsatisfactory progress by a Scholar from the relevant Head of School or Department.
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 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.
12. The University of Auckland, in consultation with the donor, can amend or vary these regulations provided that there is no departure from the main purpose of the Scholarship.
13. Applications close with the Scholarships Office on 9 October in the year preceding the award.
14. Notes [I]-[XII] 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. *<https://www.auckland.ac.nz/en/students/student-support/personal-support/high-performance-support-programme/apply-now.html>*
- IV. *Financial need will be determined by a range of factors including eligibility for a StudyLink Student Allowance, and personal and financial circumstances.*
- V. *For the purpose of this scholarship, 'first in family' to attend university 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.

- VI. Refugee background refers to students who have themselves or whose parents/primary guardian(s) have been granted refuge in New Zealand.*
- VII. 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.*
- VIII. 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*
- IX. 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.*
- X. If a student enrolls at another tertiary institution in New Zealand or overseas, the scholarship will be forfeited.*
- XI. Awardees must normally be enrolled continuously in their programme of study. In the event that a student is unable to enrol in either Semester One or Two due to sporting commitments, they must confirm the semester they intend to defer and the semester they intend to resume their studies to the Scholarships Office in writing.*
- XII. 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.*