

University of Auckland Rongo Manusina Scholarship

Code:	1132
Faculty:	Arts and Education
Applicable study:	Māori and Pacific students enrolling in the Bachelor of Communication degree
Closing date:	17 April 2025 & 30 October 2025
Tenure:	One year
For:	Assistance with study
Number on offer:	Varies
Offer rate:	Annually
Value:	\$5,000 each

Description

The Scholarship was established in 2021 and is funded by the Faculty of Arts and Education. Rongo Manusina acknowledges the cultural, historical, and political connections shared by Māori and Pacific peoples, and recognises our contemporary relationships, especially the legacies of solidarity forged here in Aotearoa New Zealand.

The main purpose of the Scholarship is to encourage and support Māori and Pacific students, and recognise their achievements, as they undertake a Bachelor of Communication degree at Waipapa Taumata Rau, University of Auckland.

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 Rongo Manusina Scholarship (see Notes XII to XIII).
2. Scholarships will be made annually, each for a period of up to one year and will be of the value of up to \$5,000 each. Awardees may reapply in subsequent years.
3. To be eligible for Scholarship consideration, an applicant must be i) a Māori student or Pacific student (see Note II), ii) a New Zealand Citizen or Permanent Resident (see Note III), iii) enrolled, or enrolling, full-time in any year of a Bachelor of Communication (BC) or associated conjoint degree in the Faculty of Arts and Education at Waipapa Taumata Rau, University of Auckland.
4. The basis of selection will be academic achievement (see Note IV), demonstrated all round ability, such as achievement in sports or arts activities, leadership potential and community involvement, and demonstrated commitment and desire to study Communication, as assessed by a personal statement. The following Faculty strategic priorities may also inform selection: support for i) students who are the first in their family to attend university, and/or ii) students with disabilities, and/or iii) students who normally reside in a rural area, and/or iv)

students who come from a refugee background and/or v) students with demonstrated financial need (see Notes V to IX).

5. The Scholarship will be awarded by the University of Auckland Council on the recommendation of a Selection Committee comprising the Associate Dean (Equity & Diversity) (or nominee) of the Faculty of Arts and Education, the Faculty Kaiarahi (or nominee), the Head of Pacific Studies (or nominee) and the Programme Director for the Bachelor of Communication (or nominee).
6. 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).
7. To be paid the Scholarship, the awardee must be enrolled full-time in a BC or associated conjoint degree at Waipapa Taumata Rau, University of Auckland.
8. The Scholarship may not be held concurrently with any scholarship or award funded by Waipapa Taumata Rau, University of Auckland or the Faculty of Arts and Education. However, it 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 Faculty of Arts and Education, has the power to terminate or suspend an award if it receives a report of unsatisfactory progress by a Scholar from the Programme Director of the Bachelor of Communication.
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 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 Council 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 30 October in the year preceding the award and 17 April in the year of the award.
14. Notes [I]-[XIV] 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. *For the purposes of this Scholarship, academic achievement for students entering Year One is based on results at Level Two or higher in the National Certificate of Educational Achievement (NCEA) or an equivalent qualification. For students enrolled in Year Two, academic achievement is assessed as a Scholarships grade point average (GPA) or grade point equivalent (GPE) obtained over the applicant's first year of full-time graded study. For students enrolled in Year Three or subsequent years, academic achievement is assessed as the GPA/GPE obtained over the most recent two years of full-time graded study (or equivalent).*

- 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 nuclear family where they have lived with the applicant for the previous five or more years.
- VI. 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.
- VII. 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.
- VIII. For the purpose of this Scholarship, refugee background refers to students who have themselves or whose parents/primary guardian(s) have been granted refuge in New Zealand.
- IX. Financial need will be determined by a range of factors including eligibility for a StudyLink Student Allowance, and personal and financial circumstances.
- X. Awardees must enrol in both Semester One and Two. 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.
- XI. If a student enrolls at another tertiary institution in New Zealand, the Scholarship will lapse.
- 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 from the date of the breach.
- XIII. Rongo (Lono, Logo) is an important atua shared by Māori and Pacific peoples. The name Rongo also remembers a little-known political publication and producers Ngā Tama Toa and the Polynesian Panther Party. These revolutionary educational organisations worked together at the forefront of the social justice movement here in the 1970s and for a time were based at Waipapa Taumata Rau, University of Auckland. Rongo, in te reo Māori means to hear or listen. It can also mean news or information.
- XIV. Manusina is a concept from Samoan culture. Manusina denotes a person that carries great significance, knowledge, and integrity. Literal translation can mean a prestigious message/messenger or the white sentinel. It is a call and a message that announces a significant protocol. Equally, it references the cultural importance of gift giving. The presentation of the most prestigious gift is by custom recognised and acknowledged through oratory exchanges. The role of the untitled to faamanusina – to announce and declare – the gifts. This is known as manusina.