

University of Auckland Scholarship for Students from Refugee Backgrounds

Code:	869
Faculty:	All
Applicable study:	Any year of an undergraduate programme
Closing date:	13 November 2025
Tenure:	One year
For:	Assistance with study
Number on offer:	Up to 10
Offer rate:	Annually
Value:	Up to \$7,000 each

Description

The Scholarship was established in 2016 by funds received from Waipapa Taumata Rau, University of Auckland alumni and friends.

The University recognises that students from refugee backgrounds are likely to experience barriers to accessing and succeeding at the University. The primary purpose of the Scholarship is to mitigate the economic barriers faced by students from refugee backgrounds so that they can access undergraduate study and the transformative potential of a tertiary qualification.

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 Scholarship for Students from Refugee Backgrounds.
2. Up to ten Scholarships will be awarded annually, for a period of one year and will be of the value of up to \$7,000 each. Awardees of the Scholarship may apply again in subsequent years. Payment and tenure will be pro-rated for part-time study.
3. To be eligible for Scholarship consideration, an applicant must i) be a New Zealand Citizen or Permanent Resident, ii) come from a refugee background (see Note II), iii) be intending to enrol full-time or part-time in any year of any undergraduate programme at Waipapa Taumata Rau, University of Auckland in the following year.
4. The basis of selection will be academic achievement (see Note III) and demonstrated financial need as assessed by a personal statement and the criteria at Note IV.

5. The Scholarship will be awarded by the University of Auckland Council on the recommendation of a Selection Committee comprising the Chair of the Scholarships Committee (or nominee), the Pro Vice-Chancellor (Equity) (or nominee) and one representative of Alumni Relations and Development.
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). Payment and tenure will be pro-rated for part-time study.
7. To be paid the Scholarship, awardees must be enrolled full-time or part-time in any year of any undergraduate programme.
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 has the power to terminate or suspend a Scholarship if it receives a report of unsatisfactory progress of a Scholar from the relevant Head of Department or School.
10. The University of Auckland Council is not obliged to make an award if it is determined there are no candidates that meet the criteria and/or no candidates of sufficient merit.
11. University of Auckland Council can amend or vary these Regulations, provided that there is no departure from the main purpose of the Scholarship.
12. Applications close with the Scholarships Office on 13 November in the year preceding 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. 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.*
- III. For the purposes of this scholarship, academic achievement for students entering their first year of study is based on results at level two or higher in the National Certificate of Educational Achievement (NCEA) or an equivalent qualification. For students entering their second year, 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, or equivalent if part-time, graded study. For students entering their third or subsequent years, academic achievement is assessed as a Scholarships GPA or GPE obtained over the applicant's most recent two years of full-time, or equivalent if part-time, graded study.*
- IV. Financial need will be determined by a range of factors including current eligibility for a StudyLink Student Allowance, and personal and financial circumstances. Applicants need to demonstrate that they are experiencing financial hardship and that they are struggling to meet basic living costs. Incurred debt is not evidence of financial hardship.*
- V. 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.*
- 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 from the date of the breach.*