

University of Auckland USA High Achiever Scholarship

Faculty/LSRI:	All
Applicable Programme:	Masters degree at Waipapa Taumata Rau University of Auckland (University)
Application process:	No application is required
Term:	One year
Purpose:	To support tuition fees to study at the University
Number on offer:	Varies
Value:	25% of the value of one year of tuition fees
Code:	1243

Specific Terms of the Scholarship

1. Scholarship description

- (1) The objective of the scholarship is to attract new international students of high calibre to enrol in masters study of one year or more at the University.
- (2) A recipient must use the scholarship funds for costs directly related to their study at the University.
- (3) The terms of the scholarship comprise sections 5 to 23 of the Scholarships and Prizes Statute 2025 ([Statute](#)), these Specific Terms, and any requirements stated on the application form or stipulated in writing by the **Director**.

2. Commencement and term

- (1) The scholarship will commence in the next available semester after the date of their confirmed offer. The **Director** may approve a request by a recipient to defer the commencement of the scholarship for a period specified by the **Director** if the **Director** considers that there are compelling medical reasons or adverse personal circumstances beyond the student's control.
- (2) Subject to 2(1), the scholarship may commence in either Semester One or Two.
- (3) The scholarship is for a term of one year of FTE enrolment.
Note: See section 11 (Deferral and suspension) of the [Statute](#).

3. Scholarship value

The scholarship comprises:

A tuition fees credit of up to 25% of the recipients tuition fees for the first two semesters of their masters degree.



4. Eligibility criteria

- (1) The eligibility criteria for the scholarship are:

An applicant must:

- (a) be an **international student**; and
- (b) hold a passport issued by the government of the United States of America; and
- (c) have received a conditional or unconditional offer of admission to an eligible masters programme at the University; and
- (d) have an Admissions GPE of at least 7.0.

- (2) An applicant is not eligible for consideration for the scholarship if they:

- (a) have already commenced study at the University; or
- (b) have undertaken any tertiary level study in New Zealand, excluding a student exchange programme; or
- (c) are enrolling as distance education students (including University of Auckland Online).
- (d) are enrolling in the Graduate School of Management (GSM) in any programme other than the following:
 - (i) Master of Applied Finance; or
 - (ii) Master of Business Analytics; or
 - (iii) Master of Professional Accounting.

Note: See section 6 (Eligibility criteria) of the [Statute](#).

5. Selection process and criteria

- (1) The scholarship is granted by the Vice-Chancellor after receiving a recommendation or nomination from the selection committee.
- (2) The selection committee comprises the Director International (or nominee), and two faculty Associate Deans (International).
- (3) An applicant may only be granted a scholarship if the applicant is eligible (or conditionally eligible) for admission to the masters programme which is the subject of their application. This requirement is paramount and overrides any other provision of this clause 5.
- (4) The selection criteria for the grant of the scholarship are:
 - (a) academic merit as assessed by the Admissions GPE; and
 - (b) the quality of the applicant's personal statement.
- (5) The following criteria may also inform selection:
 - (a) how the intended programme of study aligns with the strategic objectives of the university.
- (6) Eligible applicants will be invited to complete a supplementary application form using the online application portal.

Note: See section 8 (Selection) of the [Statute](#).



6. Additional conditions of grant

The additional conditions of grant under section 9(1)(c) of the Statute are:

- (a) Applicants who have been awarded a scholarship must accept their offer by the date stated in the awarding notification, otherwise the scholarship offer will be forfeited.
- (b) Recipients are required to complete at least two consecutive semesters of study at the University.
- (c) If a recipient does not complete at least two consecutive semesters of study at the University, they will normally be required to pay back the full value of the scholarship.

Note: See section 9 (Conditions of grant) of the [Statute](#).

7. Admission and enrolment

- (1) A recipient must receive confirmation of unconditional enrolment in full-time study in the applicable programme and all tuition and other fees must be paid in accordance with section 10(1) of the Statute by the final date on which a student may add or delete courses without incurring a late enrolment fee.

Note: See section 10 (Admission and enrolment) of the [Statute](#).

8. General requirements

During the term of the scholarship, a recipient must be enrolled full-time in the applicable programme.

Note: See section 12 (General requirements) of the [Statute](#).

9. Concurrent scholarships

- (1) A recipient must not hold the scholarship concurrently with:
 - (a) any other tuition fee paying scholarship funded by the International Office at the University.
- (2) A recipient may only hold the scholarship concurrently with another scholarship, award, grant, or bursary granted (or to be granted) to the recipient by the University or another organisation (a concurrent scholarship) if the requirements of section 14(1) of the Statute are met and with the approval of the **Director**.

Note: See section 14 (Concurrent scholarships) of the [Statute](#).

10. Applications

- (1) Supplementary applications must be made using the online application portal link supplied by the Scholarships Office.

Note: See section 5 (Applications) of the [Statute](#).

11. Definitions

- (1) A word that is defined in section 23 (Definitions) of the [Statute](#) has the same meaning when used in these Specific Terms.
- (2) In these Specific Terms:



- (a) **Director** has the meaning in section 23 (Definitions) of the Statute and means the person for the time being holding the position of Director Student and Scholarly Services and their delegates.
- (b) **FTE** means full-time equivalent
- (c) **International student** has the meaning given to that term in section [10\(1\)](#) of the Act.

12. Commencement and revocation

These Specific Terms come into force on 19 August 2026.

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