

# University Preparation Award – New Start

<b>Code:</b>	530
<b>Faculty:</b>	All
<b>Applicable study:</b>	New Start Programme
<b>Closing date:</b>	3 April 2025 (Semester One) & 21 August 2025 (Semester Two)
<b>Tenure:</b>	One semester
<b>For:</b>	Assistance with study
<b>Number on offer:</b>	Up to two
<b>Offer rate:</b>	Twice a year
<b>Value:</b>	Up to \$1,000 each

## Description

The Award is funded by New Start, Tertiary Foundation and administered by the University of Auckland Scholarships Office. The Award was supplemented in 2018 with funding from the Alumni Award and the Farrand and Firth Needy Student Fund.

The main purpose of the Award is to assist potential students who wish to pursue a New Start Programme at the University of Auckland and who have demonstrated financial need.

## Selection process

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

## Regulations

1. The Award will be known as the University Preparation Award – New Start.
2. Up to two Awards will be made annually and will be of the value of up to \$1,000 each.
3. To be eligible for Award consideration, an applicant must be i) a New Zealand Citizen or Permanent Resident (see Note II), ii) enrolled in the New Start Programme at Waipapa Taumata Rau, University of Auckland.
4. The basis of selection will be financial need and the applicant's reasons for enrolling in a New Start programme and aspirations for future study at Waipapa Taumata Rau, University of Auckland as assessed by a personal statement and the criteria at Note III.
5. The Award will be made by the University of Auckland Council on the recommendation of a Selection Committee comprising the New Start Programme Manager (or nominee), the Programme Coordinator of the Tertiary Foundation Certificate (or nominee) and the Student Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Manager (or nominee).
6. The Award will be paid in one lump instalment in either Semester One or 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 Award, awardees must be enrolled in the New Start programme.
8. The Award 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 Award.
9. 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.
10. Payments under the terms of this Award 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 Award.
11. The University of Auckland Council can amend or vary these regulations provided that there is no departure from the main purpose of the Award.
12. Applications close with the Scholarships Office on 3 April for Semester One and 21 August for Semester Two, in the year of the award.
13. Notes [I]-[IV] below are deemed to be regulations.

## Notes

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- I. The tax-free status of this Award 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. Financial need will be determined by a range of factors including eligibility for the New Zealand Government fees-free entitlement or a StudyLink Student Allowance, and personal financial circumstances.*
- IV. Awardees will be required to comply with the regulations for the Award 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 Award and require repayment of the funds received.*