

# Vicki St John Postgraduate Award for Māori and Pacific Island Students

<b>Code:</b>	581
<b>Faculty:</b>	Business & Economics
<b>Applicable study:</b>	Postgraduate study in the Business School
<b>Closing date:</b>	15 May 2025
<b>Tenure:</b>	One year
<b>For:</b>	Financial assistance
<b>Number on offer:</b>	One
<b>Offer rate:</b>	Annually
<b>Value:</b>	\$5,000

## Description

The Award was established in 2008 and is funded by Vicki St John.

The main purpose of the Award is to provide funding for Māori and Pacific Island postgraduate students at the University of Auckland Business School.

## 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 Vicki St John Postgraduate Award for Māori and Pacific Island Students.
2. One Award will be made annually, for a period of one year, and will be of the value of \$5,000.
3. To be eligible for Award consideration, an applicant must be i) a Māori or Pacific Island student (see Notes II and III), ii) a New Zealand Citizen or Permanent Resident (see Note IV), and iii) enrolled, or enrolling, part-time or full-time in any postgraduate programme offered by the Business School.
4. The basis of selection will be academic achievement (see Note V), potential to succeed in postgraduate study and a personal statement on what the applicant's university education means to them and how they intend to use it to make a difference in their whanau, hapu, community, or tribe, or in other ways. Strong leadership potential in school, community, profession or business, and a demonstrated commitment to community service will also be taken into consideration by the Selection Committee. Consideration may be given to students who can demonstrate financial need (see Notes VI and VII).
5. The Award will be made by the University of Auckland Council on the recommendation of a Selection Committee comprising the Dean of the Faculty of Business and Economics (or nominee), the Kaiārahi of the Faculty of Business

and Economics (or nominee) and a representative of the Donor.

6. The Award 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 be enrolled full-time or part-time in a postgraduate programme in the Business School.
8. The Award may be held concurrently 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 and 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 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.
11. The University of Auckland Council can amend or vary these Regulations, in consultation with the Donor, provided that there is no departure from the main purpose of the Award.
12. Applications close with the Scholarships Office on 15 May in the year of the award.
13. Notes [I]-[VIII] 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. *Pacific applicants are defined as New Zealand Citizens or Permanent Residents 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), Nauru, Pitcairn Islands, Guam, Northern Mariana Islands.*
- III. *Awardees must be able to provide evidence of their Māori or Pacific Island descent.*
- IV. *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>.*
- V. *Academic achievement is assessed as the grade point average (GPA) or grade point equivalent (GPE) obtained over the applicant's most recent qualifying programme. The most recent qualifying programme is defined as the most recently completed programme of study that qualifies the applicant for entry to the postgraduate programme in which they are applying or currently enrolled. Where the most recently completed programme is a conjoint programme the GPA/GPE will be calculated over the relevant component of the conjoint programme. The maximum approved exchange or transfer credit that can be excluded from the GPA/GPE calculation for the qualifying programme is 60 points. Where a bridging programme, including a Transitional Certificate, Graduate Diploma or Certificate of Proficiency, is required to qualify the applicant for entry to the postgraduate programme for which they are applying or are currently enrolled, the qualifying programme is the bridging programme and the most recently completed prior programme.*
- VI. *Financial need will be determined by a range of factors including current or past eligibility for a StudyLink Student Allowance, and personal and financial circumstances.*
- VII. *In making a recommendation for this Scholarship the Selection Committee will take into account other scholarships, bursaries and awards held by the candidates, with a view to achieving a fair distribution of monies among qualifying candidates.*
- VIII. *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.*