

Whatumoana Paki – Waste Management NZ Engineering Scholarship

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| Code: | 1191 |
| Faculty: | Engineering and Design |
| Applicable study: | Part I BE(Hons) |
| Closing date: | 23 July 2025 |
| Tenure: | Up to four years |
| For: | Assistance with study |
| Number on offer: | Two |
| Offer rate: | Annually |
| Value: | Up to \$10,000pa |

Description

The Scholarship was established in 2023 and is funded by Waste Management NZ Ltd, a leading materials recovery, recycling and waste management provider.

The Scholarship is named after Whatumoana Paki QSO, a New Zealand Māori royal elder, who was the husband of the Māori Queen, Dame Te Atairangikaahu, and father of the present Māori King, Tuheitia Paki. The Māori King and his family have graciously given their permission to name this scholarship after Whatumoana Paki.

The main purpose of the Scholarship is to encourage and support Māori students to succeed in their study of Engineering and support their future career aspirations.

Selection process

- Application is made to the Scholarships Office
- A Selection Committee assesses the applications
- Short-listed applicants may be required to attend an interview
- 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 Whatumoana Paki – Waste Management NZ Engineering Scholarship.
2. Two Scholarships will be awarded annually for a period of up to four years and will be of the value of up to \$10,000 per annum each (see Note II).
3. To be eligible for Scholarship consideration, an applicant must be i) a Māori student, ii) a New Zealand Citizen or Permanent Resident (see Note III), iii) enrolled in the first year of a Bachelor of Engineering (Honours) or associated conjoint degree at Waipapa Taumata Rau, University of Auckland. A grade point average (GPA) of 5.50 in Semester One course results is required for Scholarship consideration (see Note IV).

4. The basis of selection will be academic merit as assessed by the applicant's Semester One results (see Note IV), leadership and communication skills, and community contribution and engagement, as assessed by a personal statement and performance in an interview. Special consideration may be given to students with an interest in specialising in Software Engineering or Computer Systems Engineering. Short-listed applicants may be required to attend an interview.
5. The Scholarship will be awarded by the University of Auckland Council on the recommendation of a Selection Committee comprising the Associate Dean (Academic) of the Faculty of Engineering and Design (or nominee), one member of Academic Staff from the Faculty of Engineering and Design nominated by the Dean of the Faculty of Engineering and Design, and a representative of the donors.
6. The Scholarship will be paid in one instalment in Semester Two in the first year of the Scholarship, and in two equal instalments in Semester One and Two in the second and subsequent years, 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 BE(Hons) or associated conjoint degree. To be paid the second and subsequent instalments, the awardee must achieve a GPA of at least 5.00 in each semester of study (see Note IV).
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 approved. 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 donor, has the power to terminate or suspend a scholarship if it receives a report of unsatisfactory progress by a Scholar from the Associate Dean (Academic) of the Faculty of Engineering and Design.
10. 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.
11. 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.
12. The University of Auckland, in consultation with the donor, 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 23 July in the year of the award.
14. Notes [I]-[V] 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. Awardees may also be offered mentoring and internship opportunities by Waste Management NZ.*
- 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, the awardee's GPA is based on all the courses they undertake in each semester of study.*
- V. 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.*