

# Bill McAra Scholarship in Politics and International Relations

<b>Code:</b>	465
<b>Faculty:</b>	Arts
<b>Applicable study:</b>	Postgraduate study in Politics and International Relations
<b>Closing date:</b>	By nomination
<b>Tenure:</b>	One year
<b>For:</b>	Financial support
<b>Number on offer:</b>	One
<b>Offer rate:</b>	One-off
<b>Value:</b>	Up to \$3,000

## Description

The Scholarship was established in 2005 and is financed by the Estate of Diana Miriam Wilsie.

The main purpose of the Scholarship is to encourage postgraduate research on the study of Marxism-Leninism Scientific Socialism or research in areas concerning the history, philosophy and practice of socialism that relates to it.

## Selection process

- Nomination is made to the Scholarships Office
- 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 Bill McAra Scholarship in Politics and International Relations.
2. One Scholarship will be awarded, for a period of up to one year, and will be of the value of up to \$3,000.
3. To be eligible for Scholarship consideration, applicants must be i) a citizen or permanent resident of New Zealand, ii) enrolled or enrolling in a postgraduate programme in Politics and International Relations at the University of Auckland, and iii) undertaking research related to the study of Marxism-Leninism Scientific Socialism or research in areas concerning the history, philosophy and practice of socialism. A minimum GPA/GPE of 7.00 (6.50 for Māori and Pacific candidates) in their most recent qualifying programme is required for Scholarship consideration (see Note 1).
4. The basis of selection will be academic merit as assessed by the grade point average (GPA) or grade point equivalent (GPE) calculated over the most recent qualifying programme and the quality and nature of the research proposal. The availability of appropriate supervision by Politics and International Relations academic staff for the proposed research project will also be a consideration in selection.
5. The Scholarship will be awarded by the University of Auckland Council on the recommendation of a Selection Committee comprising the Associate Dean (Postgraduate Research) of the Faculty of Arts (or nominee), the Major/Specialisation Leader of Politics and International Relations (or nominee) and one academic member of staff from the Major/Specialisation of Politics and International Relations.
6. The Scholarship will be paid in one instalment upon award and satisfaction of Regulation 7.

7. To be paid the Scholarship, awardees must be i) enrolled in a postgraduate programme in Politics and International Relations, and ii) undertaking research related to the study of Marxism-Leninism Scientific Socialism or research in areas concerning the history, philosophy and practice of socialism.
8. The Scholarship 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 or grant funding received and for which the awardee receives payment while also in payment for this Scholarship.
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. The University of Auckland Council can amend or vary these Regulations, provided that there is no departure from the main purpose of the Scholarship.
11. Notes [I]-[III] below are deemed to be regulations.

## Notes

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- I. 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 for 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 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 in which they are applying or currently enrolled, the qualifying programme is the bridging programme and the most recently completed prior programme.*
- II. 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 to assist the awardee with living costs while studying. Failure to comply with this regulation will result in the termination of the Scholarship.*
- III. Awardees will be required to comply with the regulations for the Scholarship and will notify the Scholarships Office of any change in their enrolment or funding status. The 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.*