

Business School Māori and Pacific Tautoko Grant

Code:	843
Faculty:	Business School
Applicable study:	Māori or Pacific Students undertaking full-time undergraduate study in the Business School
Closing date:	28 March 2024
Tenure:	One semester
For:	Assistance with study
Number on offer:	Up to ten
Offer rate:	Annually
Value:	Up to \$2,500 each

Description

The Grant was established in 2015 and is funded by the University of Auckland Business School.

The main purpose of this Grant is to provide financial support to undergraduate students of Māori and Pacific descent who are experiencing financial hardship and are struggling to meet basic living costs.

Selection process

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

Regulations

1. The Grant will be known as the Business School Māori and Pacific Tautoko Grant.
2. Up to 10 Grants will be awarded annually, each for a period of one semester, and will be of the value of up to \$2,500 each. Awardees may reapply in subsequent semesters.
3. To be eligible for Grant consideration, an applicant must be i) a Māori student or a Pacific student (see Note II), ii) a New Zealand Citizen or Permanent Resident, and iii) enrolled full-time in an undergraduate degree programme in the Business School at Waipapa Taumata Rau, University of Auckland. A grade point average (GPA) or grade point equivalent (GPE) of 3.00 (equivalent to a C+) is required for Grant consideration (see Note III).
4. The basis of selection will be academic achievement (see Note III) and financial need as assessed by a personal statement and the criteria at Note IV.
5. The Grants will be awarded by the University of Auckland Council on the recommendation of a Selection Committee comprising the Dean of the Business School (or nominee), the Associate Dean (Māori and Pacific) of the Business School (or nominee) and one other representative from the Business School.
6. The Grant will be paid in one instalment in 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 Grant, awardees must be enrolled full-time in an undergraduate degree programme in the Business School.
8. The Grant 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 Grant.
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 Grant 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 Grant.
11. The University of Auckland Council can amend or vary these Regulations, in consultation with the Business School, provided that there is no departure from the main purpose of the Grant.
12. Applications close with the Scholarships Office on 28 March in the year of the award.
13. 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. For the purpose of these Regulations, Pacific student refers to 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), Pitcairn Islands, Nauru, Guam, Northern Mariana Islands.*
- III. For the purpose of this Grant, academic achievement for students enrolled in Year One is based on results at Level Two or higher in the National Certificate of Educational Achievement (NCEA) or an equivalent qualification. For students enrolled in Year Two, academic achievement is assessed as a Scholarships grade point average (GPA) or grade point equivalent (GPE) obtained over the applicant's first year of full-time graded study. For students enrolled in Year Three, academic achievement is assessed as the GPA/GPE obtained over the most recent two years of full-time graded study (or equivalent).*
- IV. Financial need will be determined by a range of factors including current eligibility for a StudyLink Student Allowance, and personal and financial circumstances. Applicants need to demonstrate that they are experiencing financial hardship, and that they are struggling to meet basic living costs. Incurring debt is not evidence of financial hardship.*
- V. Awardees will be required to comply with the regulations for the Grant 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 Grant and require repayment of the funds received.*