Ellen Castle Undergraduate Scholarship in the Schools of Humanities and Social Sciences

Description

The Scholarship was established in 2014 and is funded by Emeritus Professor Raewyn Dalziel in memory of her mother, Ellen Castle, who supported her aim to go to university, and to recognise the benefits of an Arts education for both students and the wider community.

The purpose of the Scholarship is to assist school leavers from schools with a high Equity Index number or decile 1-4 schools who have the potential to succeed at university and require financial assistance to undertake a Bachelor of Arts in the Schools of Humanities and/or Social Sciences at Waipapa Taumata Rau, University of Auckland.

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 Scholarship will be known as the Ellen Castle Undergraduate Scholarship in the Schools of Humanities and Social Sciences.
2. One Scholarship will be awarded annually, for a period of up to three years, and will be of the value of up to $5,000 per annum.
3. To be eligible for Scholarship consideration, applicants must be i) a New Zealand Citizen or Permanent Resident, ii) currently enrolled in their final year at a secondary school or kura with a high Equity Index number or a decile 1-4 secondary school or kura, and iii) intending to enrol full-time in a Bachelor of Arts, in a Major/Specialisation in the Schools of Humanities and/or the Social Sciences in the following year (see Notes II and III). Students enrolled in conjoint degree programmes are not eligible to apply for this Scholarship.
4. The basis of selection will be academic merit based on results at Level 2 or higher in the National Certificate of
Educational Achievement (NCEA) or an equivalent qualification, demonstrated financial need and an interest in the Humanities and/or Social Sciences as assessed by the criteria at Note IV and a personal statement.

5. The Scholarship will be awarded by the University of Auckland Council on the recommendation of a Selection Committee comprising the Dean of the Faculty of Arts (or nominee), the Assistant Dean (Students and Equity) of the Faculty of Arts (or nominee) and one member of Academic Staff from the School of Humanities or School of Social Sciences nominated by the Dean of the Faculty of Arts.

6. The Scholarship will be paid in two equal instalments in Semester One and 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 Scholarship, the awardee must achieve admission to Waipapa Taumata Rau, University of Auckland with an NCEA rank score of at least 220, a CIE rank score of at least 260 or an IB score of at least 29, which are equivalent to a Waipapa Taumata Rau, University of Auckland grade point equivalent (GPE) of 4.00, and ii) be enrolled full-time in a BA in a Major/Specialisation in the Schools of Humanities and/or the Social Sciences at Waipapa Taumata Rau, University of Auckland (see Notes II to III, and VII).

8. As a condition of tenure, awardees will be required to i) remain enrolled full-time in a BA in a Major/Specialisation in the Schools of Humanities and/or Social Sciences, and ii) achieve a grade point average (GPA) of at least 3.00 (equivalent to a C+ average) in each semester of study (see Notes V to VII).

9. The Scholarship may not be held concurrently with any scholarships funded by Waipapa Taumata Rau, University of Auckland (including faculties and Large Scale Research Institutes), excluding a Tier 2 or 3 Academic Potential Scholarship. However, it 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 Scholarship.

10. 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 Dean of the Faculty of Arts.

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. 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.

13. 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 Scholarship.

14. Applications close with the Scholarships Office on TBC.

15. Notes [I]-[VIII] below are deemed to be regulations.

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Notes

I. The tax-free status of this Scholarship is under current legislation. The University of Auckland cannot guarantee this tax-free outcome.


III. The School of Social Sciences means the Majors/Specialisations: Anthropology, Criminology, Employment Relations and Organisation Studies, Gender Studies, Media and Screen Studies, Politics and International Relations, and Sociology.

IV. Financial need will be determined by a range of factors including eligibility for a StudyLink Student Allowance and personal and financial circumstances.

V. For the purposes of this Scholarship a recipients’ grade point average (GPA) is based on all the courses undertaken in each semester of study.

VI. Awardees must be enrolled continuously in their programme of study. Deferrals for students who have already
commenced their degree will not usually be approved unless there are compelling medical or personal circumstances. Any deferral requests must be applied for in writing to the Scholarships Office.

VII. If a student enrols at another tertiary institution in New Zealand, the Scholarship will lapse.

VIII. 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.