

# NZAO Award for the Most Improved Student Entering the Bachelor of Optometry Part IV

<b>Code:</b>	247C
<b>Faculty:</b>	Medical & Health Sciences
<b>Applicable study:</b>	BOptom
<b>Closing date:</b>	No application required
<b>Tenure:</b>	One year
<b>For:</b>	Financial assistance
<b>Number on offer:</b>	One
<b>Offer rate:</b>	Annually
<b>Value:</b>	\$1,000

## Description

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The New Zealand Association of Optometrists has a long and valued relationship with the School of Optometry and Vision Science at the University of Auckland. In recognition of this, the NZAO established a set of undergraduate awards for Bachelor of Optometry students at the University.

The main purpose of the Award is to recognise the student entering Part IV of the Bachelor of Optometry who has shown the most improvement across Part III courses in the previous year.

## Selection process

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- No application required
- Nomination is made to the Scholarships Office
- The Award is made by the University of Auckland Council on the recommendation of the Head of the School of Optometry and Vision Science

## Regulations

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1. The Award will be known as the NZAO Award for the Most Improved Student Entering the Bachelor of Optometry Part IV.
2. One Award will be made annually, and will be of the value of \$1,000.
3. The Award will be made to the student enrolled in Part IV of the Bachelor of Optometry who has shown the most improvement in their aggregate final mark across Part III courses in the previous year (see Note I).
4. In the event that the same student is eligible for the NZAO Robert Jacobs Award for the Top Student Entering the Bachelor of Optometry Part IV and the NZAO Award for the Most Improved Student Entering the Bachelor of Optometry Part IV, the NZAO Award for the Most Improved Student Entering the Bachelor of Optometry Part IV will be awarded to the student who has shown the second most improvement in their aggregate final mark across Part III courses.

5. The Award will be made by the University of Auckland Council on the recommendation of the Head of the School of Optometry and Vision Science.
6. In the event of a tie, the Head of the School of Optometry and Vision Science will determine if the Prize may be shared. Each awardee will be awarded an amount equal to the original Award value.
7. The Award will be paid in one lump sum in Semester One.
8. The University of Auckland Council is not obliged to make an award in any year if there is no candidate of sufficient merit.
9. A student may be awarded only one New Zealand Association of Optometrists Award per year however, 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 recipient 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 Award.
10. The University of Auckland Council has the power to amend or vary these Regulations, in consultation with the NZAO, provided that there is no departure from the main purpose of the Award.
11. Notes [I]-[III] below are deemed to be regulations.

## Notes

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- I. Students who are repeating the previous year may not be considered for this Award.*
- II. Payments under the terms of this Award remain tax-free as long as they are used 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 Award.*
- III. Recipients of an NZAO Award for the Most Improved Student Entering the Bachelor of Optometry Part IV will be required to give undertakings that they will comply with the regulations for the Award 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 a recipient of an NZAO Award for the Most Improved Student Entering the Bachelor of Optometry Part IV is not complying with these regulations, terminate the Award and require repayment of the funds received.*