

Steve Britton Award

Code:	97
Faculty:	Science Arts
Applicable study:	MA or MSc thesis in Geography
Closing date:	1 August 2024
Tenure:	One year
For:	Assistance with study
Number on offer:	One
Offer rate:	Annually
Value:	\$3,500

Description

The Award was established by the Department of Geography in memory of Steve Britton who was a Lecturer (and later Senior Lecturer) in the Department from 1979 until his death in 1991.

The Award commemorates Steve's work in the geography of development in the South Pacific and is intended to provide financial support for research into this or related geographical fields by masters students.

Selection process

- Nomination is made to the Scholarships Office
- The Award is made by the University of Auckland Council on the recommendation of the Selection Committee

Regulations

1. The Award will be known as the Steve Britton Award.
2. One Award will be made annually for a period of up to one year and will be of the value of \$3,500.
3. To be eligible for Award consideration, an applicant must be enrolled, or enrolling, full-time or part-time in a Master of Arts (MA) or Master of Science (MSc) thesis in Geography at Waipapa Taumata Rau, University of Auckland. Part-time students must be enrolled in at least 60 points of study to be considered for the Award.
4. The Award is tenable by domestic or international students.
5. The basis of selection will be academic achievement (see Note II), the quality and nature of the proposed research, and how the Award would benefit the applicant's research as assessed by a personal statement and summary of expected research expenses. Consideration may be given to the following criteria: candidates undertaking research related to the geography of development in the South Pacific or a related field.
6. The Award will be made by the University of Auckland Council on the recommendation of a Selection Committee comprising the Head of the School of Environment (or nominee), the Head of Geography (or nominee), and an academic staff member from the School of Environment nominated by the Head of School.
7. The Award will be paid in one instalment on acceptance of the Award or in the first semester of enrolment in the

thesis MA or MSc thesis, whichever is the later date.

8. To be paid the Award, the awardee must be enrolled full-time or part-time in the thesis year of an MA or MSc in Geography.
9. 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 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 Award.
10. 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.
11. 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/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 Award.
12. The University of Auckland Council can amend or vary these Regulations, provided that there is no departure from the main purpose of the Award.
13. Applications close with the Scholarships Office on 1 August in the year of the award.
14. Notes [I]-[III] below are deemed to be regulations.

Notes

- I. The tax-free status of this Award is under current legislation. The University of Auckland cannot guarantee this tax-free outcome.*
- II. For the purposes of this Award, academic achievement is assessed as a Scholarships grade point average (GPA) or grade point equivalent (GPE) obtained over the most recent two years of full-time graded study (or equivalent).*
- III. Awardees will be required to comply with the regulations for the Award 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 Award and require repayment of the funds received.*