University of Auckland Kōkiri Raumati Scholarship

Description

The Scholarship was established in 2020 and is funded by Waipapa Taumata Rau, University of Auckland.

The main purpose of the Scholarship is to financially support students who are attending university for the first time, having left secondary school or kura in the previous two years. This approach reflects the University’s strategic recruitment goal to provide equal opportunities to all who have the potential to succeed in a university of high international standing.

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 University of Auckland Kōkiri Raumati Scholarship.
2. Up to 100 Scholarships will be awarded and will cover the cost of accommodation in a single room in Waipārūrū Hall for the duration of Summer School 2024 (see Notes I to II).
3. To be eligible for Scholarship consideration, an applicant must be i) a Citizen or Permanent Resident of New Zealand, ii) currently enrolled in Year 13 at a New Zealand secondary school or kura or have completed Year 13 at a New Zealand secondary school or kura in the year prior, or taken a gap year in 2023 and iii) planning to enrol in Summer School and take part in the Summer Start, Tōia ki Waipapa, or UniBound programme at the University of Auckland, followed by full-time degree study at Waipapa Taumata Rau, University of Auckland in Semester One (see Note III).
4. The basis of selection will be academic ability based on results at Level 2 or higher in the National Certificate of Educational Achievement (NCEA) or an equivalent qualification and the quality of a personal statement outlining how an accommodation scholarship would benefit the applicant. The following criteria may also inform selection: applicants with Māori ancestry; applicants with Pacific ancestry; applicants with demonstrated financial need;
applicants from a refugee background; applicants who are the first in their family to attend university; applicants with a disability; applicants who normally reside or attended school or kura in a rural area; or applicants who normally reside outside the Auckland metropolitan area (see Notes IV to X).

5. The Scholarship will be awarded by the University of Auckland Council on the recommendation of a Selection Committee comprising the Pro Vice-Chancellor Education (or nominee), Pro Vice-Chancellor Māori (or nominee) and the Pro Vice-Chancellor Pacific (or nominee).

6. To be paid the Scholarship, awardees must i) be accepted into and participate in either the Summer Start, the Tōia ki Waipapa or the UniBound programme, and ii) enrol in one Summer School course (see Note X).

7. Accommodation costs will be paid directly to the Hall of Residence.

8. As a condition of tenure, awardees will be required to enrol in and complete Semester One 2024 study at Waipapa Taumata Rau, University of Auckland (see Notes XI and XII).

9. The Scholarship 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 of a Scholar from the Programme Director (Summer Start).

11. The University of Auckland Council is not obliged to make an award if it is determined there are no candidates that meet the criteria and/or no candidates of sufficient merit.

12. The University of Auckland Council can amend or vary these regulations provided that there is no departure from the main purpose of the Scholarship.

13. Applications close with the Scholarships Office on 10 December in the year preceding the award.

14. Notes [I]-[XIII] below are deemed to be Regulations.

Notes

I. All awardees who accept the Scholarship will be required to take up a place in Waipārūrū Hall as a condition of holding a University of Auckland Kōkiri Raumati Scholarship. Exceptions will be considered only under exceptional circumstances and on a case-by-case basis.

II. Applicants need to make a separate application for university accommodation by the relevant deadline date.

III. Applicants who completed Year 13 at a New Zealand secondary school in the year prior, or who have taken a gap year in 2023, must not have enrolled in a degree programme at the University of Auckland or any another tertiary institution prior to Semester One 2024.

IV. The Auckland metropolitan area is defined as a normal permanent home address in New Zealand which is located either south of Orewa or north of Drury.

V. Pacific applicants are defined as citizens or permanent residents of New Zealand 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.

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

VII. For the purpose of this Scholarship, ‘first in family’ means that no member of the applicant’s immediate family, including parents and siblings, has completed a university qualification prior to the applicant’s first year of study at a university. Adoptive and step parents and siblings are considered part of the nuclear family where they have lived with the applicant for the previous five or more years.

VIII. For the purpose of this Scholarship, refugee background refers to students who have themselves or whose parents/primary guardian(s) have been granted refuge in New Zealand.
IX. Waipapa Taumata Rau defines disability as any physical, psychological, cognitive or sensory impairment which, in interaction with social and systemic barriers, restricts a person's full and effective participation in university life on an equal basis with others.

X. For the purpose of this Scholarship, a rural area is defined as an area outside the local authority boundaries of city councils in Auckland, Hamilton, Tauranga, Wellington, Porirua, Lower Hutt, Upper Hutt, Christchurch, and Dunedin.

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

XII. Awardees who take up this Scholarship but do not enrol in and complete Semester One 2024 study at Waipapa Taumata Rau, University of Auckland or who withdraw their enrolment in Summer School after payment has been made or withdraw from study during Semester One, may be required to pay back the full sum of monies paid to the Hall of Residence.

XIII. 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 paid to the Hall of Residence from the date of the breach.