Victoria League Postgraduate Nursing Award

**Description**

The Award was established in 2018 and is funded by the Victoria League (Auckland) Charitable Trust.

The intention of the Award is to encourage and support registered nurses who are based in a health district in Northern North Island or Te Manawa Taki and who would otherwise be unable to undertake postgraduate study in Nursing at Waipapa Taumata Rau, University of Auckland.

**Selection process**

- Application is made to the Scholarships Office
- A Selection Committee assesses the applications
- 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 Victoria League Postgraduate Nursing Award.
2. Awards will be made every two to four years, for a period of up to four years, so that there are four students on award at a time. The Award will cover compulsory fees up to a value of $5,000 each to allow an awardee to undertake and complete a Postgraduate Certificate, and/or a Postgraduate Diploma and/or a masters degree in Nursing (see Regulation 6 and Note I).
3. To be eligible for Award consideration, an applicant must be i) a New Zealand Citizen or Permanent Resident, ii) a New Zealand registered nurse, iii) working as a Nurse in a health district within Northern North Island or Te Manawa Taki (see Note II), and iv) enrolled full-time or part-time at Waipapa Taumata Rau, University of Auckland in a Postgraduate Certificate in Health Sciences (PGCertHSc), a Postgraduate Diploma in Health Sciences (PGDipHSc), a Master of Health Sciences (MHSc), Masters of Nursing Practice (MNuP) or a Master of Nursing (MNurs) in Nursing.
4. The basis of selection will be academic achievement as assessed by the grade point average (GPA) or grade point equivalent (GPE) calculated over the most recent qualifying programme (see Note III).
5. 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 Nursing, the Deputy Head of the School of Nursing, the Associate Head

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Postgraduate Research of the School of Nursing, the Associate Head of Postgraduate Taught of the School of Nursing (or their nominees) and one representative of the donor.

6. Payment will be made as a tuition fees credit in each semester of enrolment. Where an awardee has commenced study in a PGCertHSc or a PGDipHSc, the Award will also cover compulsory fees for subsequent enrolment in a PGDipHSc or a masters degree in Nursing (see Note I).

7. To be paid the Award, awardees must be enrolled full-time or part-time in a a PGCertHSc, a PGDipHSc, an MHSc, an MNuP or an MNurs.

8. The Award may be held with any other scholarship, award or grant where the Regulations for that scholarship, award or grant permit and where 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.

9. The University of Auckland Council, in consultation with the donor, has the power to terminate or suspend an Award if it receives a report of unsatisfactory progress by an Awardee from the Head of the School of Nursing.

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. 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 Award.

12. Applications close with the Scholarships Office on 13 March in the year of award.

13. Notes [I] – [V] below are deemed to be Regulations.

Notes

I. Compulsory fees are the compulsory tuition fees for the relevant programme of study, plus Student Services Fee.

II. Northern North Island health districts include Te Tai Tokerau, Waitematā, Te Toka Tumai Auckland and Counties Manukau. Te Manawa Taki health districts include Waikato, Lakes, Hauora o Toi Bay of Plenty, Tairāwhiti and Taranaki.

III. The most recent qualifying programme is defined as the most recently completed programme of study that qualifies the applicant for entry to the postgraduate programme in which they are applying or currently enrolled. Where the most recently completed programme is a conjoint programme the GPA/GPE will be calculated over the relevant component of the conjoint programme. The maximum approved exchange or transfer credit that can be excluded from the GPA/GPE calculation for the qualifying programme is 60 points. Where a bridging programme, including a Transitional Certificate, Graduate Diploma or Certificate of Proficiency, is required to qualify the applicant for entry to the postgraduate programme for which they are applying or are currently enrolled, the qualifying programme is the bridging programme and the most recently completed prior programme.

IV. 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 Scholarship and require repayment of the funds received from the date of the breach.

V. Awardees may be invited to attend an award presentation event held by the School of Nursing.