

## 360 International Award for Pacific Students

<b>Code:</b>	1214
<b>Faculty:</b>	All
<b>Applicable study:</b>	Pacific students accepted into the 360 International exchange programme
<b>Closing date:</b>	1 July 2025 and 21 November 2024
<b>Tenure:</b>	Up to one year
<b>For:</b>	Assistance with costs associated with overseas study on an approved exchange programme
<b>Number on offer:</b>	Varies
<b>Offer rate:</b>	Twice a year
<b>Value:</b>	Up to \$6,000 each

### Description

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The purpose of the Award is to raise participation in student exchange among this student cohort and assist Pacific students enrolled at Waipapa Taumata Rau, University of Auckland with the cost of studying overseas while on an approved student exchange.

### Selection process

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- 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

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1. The Award shall be known as the 360 International Award for Pacific Students.
2. Awards will be made twice a year for a period of up to one year and will be of the value of up to \$6,000 each (see Note II).
3. To be eligible for Award consideration, an applicant must i) be of Indigenous Pacific descent (see Note III), ii) be intending to enrol as an exchange student at an approved exchange partner, iii) have completed at least one year of full-time study (or equivalent) in an undergraduate or postgraduate programme at Waipapa Taumata Rau, University of Auckland by the commencement of the semester of exchange, and iv) achieved the academic requirements of the 360 International exchange programme (see Note IV).
4. Awardees may only hold this Award once.
5. The basis of selection will be demonstrated academic achievement as assessed by the applicant's cumulative grade point average (CGPA) and the quality of the applicant's personal statements addressing i) how the applicant would represent Waipapa Taumata Rau, University of Auckland while on the 360 International exchange programme, ii) how participating in the 360 International exchange programme would benefit the applicant's academic programme at Waipapa Taumata Rau, University of Auckland, iii) how participating in the 360 International exchange programme would benefit the applicant personally, and iv) the applicant's personal commitment and connection to their Pasifika

gafa/heritage. The Selection Committee will also consider the suitability of the applicant's proposed programme at the host university to their course of study at Waipapa Taumata Rau, University of Auckland, and the applicant's suitability as a representative of Waipapa Taumata Rau, University of Auckland.

6. The Award will be made by the University of Auckland Council on the recommendation of a Selection Committee comprising the Pro Vice-Chancellor Pacific (or nominee), the Deputy Director, International Operations (or nominee), and an additional member of staff nominated by the Pro Vice-Chancellor Pacific.
7. The Award will be paid in one instalment.
8. To be paid the Award, an Awardee must have i) received a nomination offer from the 360 International Office for an approved exchange partner, and ii) confirmation of acceptance from the host university (see Notes V and VI).
9. Awardees shall, upon their return, present a brief written report (400–600 words) on their experiences as exchange students to the 360 International Office.
10. The Award may not be held concurrently with the 360 International Award for Equity Students, the 360 International Award for Māori Students, or the 360 International Exchange Award; however, it 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.
11. Payments under the terms of this Award remain tax-free as long as they are used directly for 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 is not obliged to make an award if it is determined there is no candidate that meet the criteria and/or no candidate of sufficient merit.
13. The University of Auckland Council can amend or vary these Regulations, provided that there is no departure from the main purpose of the Award.
14. Applications close with the Scholarships Office on 1 July and 21 November for exchanges which begin within the following 18 months (see Note II).
15. Notes [I]-[VII] are deemed to be regulations.

## Notes

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- I. *The tax-free status of this Award is under current legislation. The University of Auckland cannot guarantee this tax-free outcome.*
- II. *Awardees will be required to take up the award within 18 months of the funding being awarded. Students intending to undertake an exchange commencing between December and March are recommended to apply in the July application round.*
- III. *Pacific students must be 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.*
- IV. *Refer to the 360 International exchange programme website for details of how to apply and eligibility for exchange. A minimum CPGA of 5.00, inclusive of current and past enrolment, is required for consideration for the exchange programme. Successful candidates will need to achieve a term GPA of 5.00 in the semester before the exchange. Applicants with a lower CGPA may be considered on a case-by-case basis and should contact 360 International before applying for the Award.*
- V. *In the event that the awardee does not receive an offer of acceptance from the designated exchange partner, or decides to withdraw from the exchange programme at any point after receiving the Award payment, the full amount of the Award must be repaid. In the event that the awardee is unable to travel overseas, and the exchange is completed online from New Zealand, the full amount of the Award, less any unrecoverable costs not covered by travel insurance, must be repaid.*

- VI. Awardees must adhere to the 360 International Semester Exchange Terms & Conditions as outlined in their application and nomination offer for exchange.
- VII. 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.