

Auckland Eye Scholarship in Optometry

Code:	1200
Faculty:	Medical and Health Sciences
Applicable study:	Bachelor of Optometry
Closing date:	By nomination
Tenure:	One year
For:	Assistance with study
Number on offer:	One
Offer rate:	Annually
Value:	Up to \$10,000

Description

The Scholarship was established in 2024 and is funded by Auckland Eye Limited.

The main purpose of the Scholarship is to encourage and support Māori students and Pacific students enrolling in the Bachelor of Optometry through the Māori and Pacific Admission Scheme (MAPAS) in the Faculty of Medical and Health Sciences at Waipapa Taumata Rau, University of Auckland.

Selection process

- Nomination is made to the Scholarships Office
- 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 Auckland Eye Scholarship in Optometry.
2. One Scholarship will be awarded annually for a period of up to one year and will be of the value of \$10,000 per annum.
3. To be eligible for Scholarship consideration, candidates must i) be of Māori or Pacific ancestry (see Note II), ii) be a New Zealand Citizen or Permanent Resident (see Note III), iii) have gained admission to the Bachelor of Optometry (BOptom) programme through the Māori and Pacific Admission Scheme (MAPAS), and iv) be enrolled, or enrolling, full-time in Part II of the BOptom in the Faculty of Medical and Health Sciences at Waipapa Taumata Rau, University of Auckland. A grade point average (GPA) or grade point equivalent (GPE) of at least 4.50 is required for Scholarship consideration.
4. In the event that there are no eligible candidates in the year of the award, the Scholarship may be awarded to candidates who meet the requirements of Regulation 3 i) to iii), and who are enrolled full-time in Part III, Part IV or Part V of the BOptom.
5. The basis of selection will be academic merit (see Note IV) and leadership qualities as identified during the MAPAS admission interview processes.
6. The Scholarship will be awarded by the University of Auckland Council on the recommendation of a Selection

Committee comprising the Head of the School of Optometry and Vision Science (or nominee), the Associate Head (Academic) of the School of Optometry and Vision Science (or nominee), the Director of Vision 20:20 (or nominee), the Co-Chair of Eye Health Aotearoa, and a representative of the donors.

7. The Scholarship will be paid in two equal instalments in Semester One and Two, as soon as is practical after confirmation of the awardee's enrolment (that is, after the final date on which a student may add or delete courses without incurring a late enrolment fee).
8. To be paid the Scholarship, the awardee must be enrolled full-time in the BOptom.
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 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 Scholarship 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 Scholarship.
12. The University of Auckland Council, in consultation with the donor, can amend or vary these regulations provided that there is no departure from the main purpose of the Scholarship.
13. Notes [I]-[V] below are deemed to be Regulations.

Notes

- I. The tax-free status of this Scholarship is under current legislation. The University of Auckland cannot guarantee this tax-free outcome.*
- II. Pacific students 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.*
- III. New Zealand Permanent Residents have been granted a Permanent Resident Visa by Immigration New Zealand. For more information visit <https://www.immigration.govt.nz/new-zealand-visas/already-have-a-visa/becoming-a-permanent-resident>.*
- IV. For the purpose of this Scholarship, academic merit is assessed as the GPA/GE obtained over the candidate's most recent year of full-time graded study.*
- V. 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 received.*