

# Mokaraka Wāhine Māori in Business Scholarship

<b>Code:</b>	1055
<b>Faculty:</b>	Business
<b>Applicable study:</b>	Wāhine Māori enrolled in the Business School
<b>Closing date:</b>	20 February 2025
<b>Tenure:</b>	One year
<b>For:</b>	Assistance with study
<b>Number on offer:</b>	One
<b>Offer rate:</b>	Annually
<b>Value:</b>	Up to \$15,000 each

## Description

The Scholarship was established in 2019 and is funded by the Mokaraka Trust. The Trust was founded by Melanie Smith (Ngāpuhi), an alumnus of Waipapa Taumata Rau, University of Auckland, current CEO of National Exhibition Centre (NEC) Group in the United Kingdom, who has held extensive leadership roles during her career, and who has travelled to every country in the world. The Trust aims to inspire wāhine Māori to be ambitious in their career and leadership goals.

The main purpose of the Scholarship is to encourage and support young high achieving wāhine Māori studying in the University of Auckland Business School, and their desire to achieve leadership roles in their future careers.

## 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 Mokaraka Wāhine Māori in Business Scholarship.
2. One Scholarship will be awarded annually for a period of up to one year, and will be of the value of up to \$15,000 (see Note II). Awardees of the Scholarship may reapply for a second and third year. Payment and tenure will be pro-rated for part-time study.
3. To be eligible for Scholarship consideration, an applicant must be i) wāhine Māori, and ii) enrolled, or enrolling, full-time or part-time in an undergraduate or postgraduate programme in the Business School at Waipapa Taumata Rau, University of Auckland. A grade point average (GPA) or grade point equivalent (GPE) of at least 6.00 is required for Scholarship consideration (see Note III).
4. The Scholarship is tenable by domestic and international students who are wāhine Māori.
5. The basis of selection will be academic achievement (see Note III) and the applicant's leadership skills, study and career plans, aspirations towards leadership roles, up to and including CEO level roles, and future intentions to support other wāhine Māori, as assessed by a personal statement.

6. The Scholarship will be awarded by the University of Auckland Council on the recommendation of a Selection Committee comprising the Dean of the Business School (or nominee), the Associate Dean (Māori and Pacific Development) (or nominee) and a representative of the Donor.
7. To be paid the Scholarship, the awardee must be enrolled full-time or part-time in an undergraduate or postgraduate programme in the Business School at Waipapa Taumata Rau, University of Auckland.
8. The Scholarship will be paid as a fortnightly stipend. Payment will commence 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). Payment and tenure will be pro-rated for part-time study.
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 by a Scholar from the Dean of the Business School.
11. 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.
12. 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.
13. 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.
14. Applications close with the Scholarships Office on 20 February in the year of the award.
15. Notes [I]-[IV] below are deemed to be Regulations.

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- I. The tax-free status of this Scholarship is under current legislation. The University of Auckland cannot guarantee this tax-free outcome.*
- II. The Selection Committee has the discretion to award further funding to exceptional applicants.*
- III. For the purpose of this scholarship, academic merit for students entering Year One is based on results at level two or higher in the National Certificate of Educational Achievement (NCEA) or an equivalent qualification. A GPE of 6.00 is equivalent to an NCEA rank score of 270 or a CIE rank score of 330. For students entering Year Two, academic merit is assessed as a Scholarships grade point average (GPA) or grade point equivalent (GPE) obtained over the applicant's first year of full-time graded study. For students entering Year Three or subsequent years, academic merit is assessed as a Scholarships GPA or GPE obtained over the applicant's most recent two years of full-time graded study.*
- IV. 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 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.*