

Wednesday Davis Award

Code:	1221
Faculty:	Science
Applicable study:	MMarineCons, MMarineSt, or MSc focused on marine science
Closing date:	TBC
Tenure:	One year
For:	Assistance with study
Number on offer:	Up to two
Offer rate:	Annually
Value:	\$5,000

Description

The Award was established in 2024 to honour the memory of Wednesday Davis, an exceptional marine scientist and beloved member of the University of Auckland community. Her legacy continues to inspire through this meaningful opportunity for emerging marine scientists.

The main purpose of the Award is to motivate and support a woman student undertaking masters study in marine science, reflecting Wednesday's dedication to marine conservation. The basis of selection will be the applicant's involvement in volunteering and community activities, and potential to contribute to marine conservation assessed by a personal statement.

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 Wednesday Davis Award.
2. Up to two Awards will be made annually for a period of up to one year and will be of the value of \$5,000. Payments to part-time students will be pro-rated.
3. To be eligible for consideration for the Award, an applicant must be i) a woman student, and ii) enrolled, or enrolling, full-time or part-time in either a Master of Marine Conservation, a Master of Marine Studies or a Master of Science with a research focus on marine science in the Faculty of Science at Waipapa Taumata Rau, University of Auckland.
4. The Award is tenable by domestic or international students.
5. The basis of selection will be academic achievement (see Note II), the applicant's involvement in volunteering and community activities, and potential to contribute to marine conservation as assessed by a personal statement.
6. The Award will be made by the University of Auckland Council on the recommendation of a Selection Committee comprising the Director of the Institute of Marine Science (or nominee), the Head of the School of Biological Sciences

(or nominee), and a representative of the donor.

7. The Award will be paid in one instalment on acceptance of the Award and satisfaction of the requirements of Regulation 8.
8. To be paid the Award, the awardee must be full-time or part-time in either a Master of Marine Conservation, a Master of Marine Studies or a Master of Science with a research focus on marine science in the Faculty of Science at Waipapa Taumata Rau, University of Auckland.
9. The Award 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 approved. 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.
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 Award 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 Award.
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 Award.
13. Applications close with the Scholarships Office on TBC in the year of the award.
14. Notes [I]-[IV] below are deemed to be Regulations.

Notes

- I. The tax-free status of this Award is under current legislation. The University of Auckland cannot guarantee this tax-free outcome.*
- II. For the purposes of this Award, academic achievement will be assessed by the grade point average (GPA) or grade point equivalent (GPE) achieved in the applicant's most recent qualifying programme. 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.*
- III. Awardees are required to submit a brief written report (approximately 500 words) at the end of their tenure. This report must be submitted to the Scholarships Office and will be passed to the Donor as an update on the benefits the awardee has gained from holding this Award.*
- 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 Award and require repayment of the funds received.*
- V. These regulations are subject to Senate and Council approval.*