Te Kura Umanga | UC Business School Global Experience Award – Māori and Pacific students



Award purpose

The purpose of the award is to support the participation of Te Kura Umanga | UC Business School Māori and Pacific students in learning abroad experiences by assisting with the costs associated with these.

Eligible learning abroad experiences

The award may be attached to any learning abroad experience that is offered or promoted by Te Kura Umanga | UC Business School. Whether an experience is eligible will be determined by the UC Business School Internationalisation Director when it is decided to offer or promote the experience, taking into account the extent to which the experience supports the goals of the school's internationalisation strategy

Number on offer

The number of awards on offer in any given year will be determined by the UC Business School Internationalisation Director. This will vary depending on the budget available in that year, and the number and type of experiences that it is decided to attach the award to.

Value

The value of the award would normally be \$1,000, but may be varied depending on the duration and location of the programme. This will be determined by the Internationalisation Director.

Eligibility

The award applies to students that whakapapa to iwi Māori or are of Pacific/Pasifika¹ descent. To be eligible, students must also be enrolled in a UC Business School programme and have completed at least one semester of study towards this, in addition to meeting any requirements specific to the experience that the award is attached to. They should also not have received the award previously.

Selection criteria and process

The award will be made by the UC Business School Internationalisation Director on the recommendation of a selection committee comprising at least two other members of the UC Business School Internationalisation Team, the UC Business School Kaiurungi | Māori Student Advisor, and the UC Business School Kaiurungi | Pacific Student Advisor.

¹ Pacific/Pasifika student: A student with indigenous descent from any of the following islands: Samoa, American Samoa, Tonga, Cook Islands, Niue, Tokelau, Fiji, 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). https://www.canterbury.ac.nz/get-started/scholarships/glossary-of-terms/

The basis of selection will be demonstrated academic achievement in the form of the applicant's grade point average (GPA) and the quality of an accompanying personal statement.

Equal consideration will be given to both criteria. More specifically, the selection committee will not only look at an applicant's overall GPA, but whether they have shown improvement over time. In terms of the personal statement, the selection committee will be looking for students who have 1) well justified reasons for wanting to participate and how they think this will benefit their studies and future plans, 2) a demonstrated commitment to upholding Ngā Uara | UC values at the university and/or in the wider community (https://www.canterbury.ac.nz/about/values/), and 3) the personal resilience and attitudes necessary to complete and make the most of a learning abroad experience.

Award payment

The Award will be paid by direct credit to the nominated Aotearoa New Zealand bank account of successful students once they have booked and paid for their flights to their destination, signed and returned an acceptance form, as well as provided the following supporting documents:

- Completed and signed UC International Short Programme Declaration Form;
- Proof of comprehensive travel insurance (including medical cover) outlined in the UC
 International Short Programme Declaration Form for the entire travel period (i.e. from the day
 the student leaves New Zealand until the day they arrive back, including any personal travel)
 and all destinations that they will visit and/or transit through;
- A copy of their acceptance into the experience by the partner institution;
- A copy of their flight itinerary, including or accompanied by confirmation of the cost of their flights and evidence that this has been paid in full;
- Completed and signed payment request form with verification of their bank account; and
- If applicable, the details of any other scholarships, awards or grants that they will, or may receive to assist with the costs associated with their participation in the experience.

Payment of the award cannot be made until students have signed and returned the acceptance form and all supporting documents. Students who do not return the form and all required supporting documents within two months after the commencement of the experience will forfeit the award and UC will be under no obligation to pay the award to them.

Payment of the award will normally be made on the 20th day of the month following the date that all of the above supporting documents have been provided and approved by UC.

Award conditions

- 1. The award may be held concurrently with other scholarships, awards or grants that assist with the costs associated with participation in the experience, as long as the regulations for the other scholarships, awards or grants permit this, except where the combined amount received would exceed the reasonable costs of participation.
- 2. It is the student's responsibility to declare all other scholarships, awards or grants that they will receive related to the experience.
- 3. It is the student's responsibility to check whether the award will affect any other scholarships, awards or grants that they are entitled to, as well as any other funding such as, StudyLink or Work and Income assistance. Students are advised to consult with StudyLink and the providers of other scholarships, awards or grants before accepting the award.

- 4. The award is only valid and applicable for the experience and year that it is offered and cannot be carried over to other experiences or years. If a student does not attend the experience in the year for which it is offered, then the award is not payable to them.
- 5. The award is conditional on students being accepted into the experience by UC and the partner institution, and upon them fulfilling all conditions for participation set by both UC and the partner institution.
- 6. The award is conditional upon students enrolling in any associated courses at UC if required, including the payment of tuition fees and any other costs payable to UC for participation in the experience. Students must also complete any registration requirements and pay any fees with the partner institution (if applicable).
- 7. The award is conditional upon students participating in and completing the requirements of the UC Business School CQ Certificate.
- 8. Students are eligible to receive the award only once during their studies at UC, irrespective of the number of degrees or learning abroad experiences they undertake. They are not eligible to receive the award if they have received it previously. Students warrant to UC that by accepting the award, they have not previously received, or become entitled to the award.
- 9. To receive the award students must permit the announcement and publication of their acceptance of the award (including their name), and agree to make themselves reasonably available for promotional activities if required, as negotiated with the UC Business School Internationalisation Team, including presenting a brief written report on the experience upon their return that may be used for promotional purposes.
- 10. By signing and returning the acceptance form, students confirm their intent to participate in the experience and that they accept the conditions of the award. Students must inform the UC Business School Internationalisation Team immediately if, at any point, they don't meet any of these conditions, or if they withdraw from the experience. Students who at any point (including during the experience) withdraw from the experience, have their ability to participate withdrawn by UC and/or the partner institution, or do not meet any of the conditions of the award, will forfeit the award, and if it has already been paid, will be required to repay it to UC in full, upon demand.
- 11. If a student can no longer participate in the experience because it has been changed or cancelled at any stage after the award has been paid, they may be expected to repay it to UC in full on demand, less any unrecoverable reasonable costs of participation not covered by insurance.

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