

Frank Davis Scholarship



THE LEARNING CONNEXION
School of Creativity and Art

About the Scholarship

Frank Davis was an inspiring Head of the Art Department at Palmerston North Teachers College (now Massey Institute College of Education) from 1963 until his death in 1983.

Frank's influence has been of lasting importance for TLC, not least because of his ability to bridge the gap between Māori and other cultures. The Frank Davis Scholarship is a grant that is given to assist students in their study at The Learning Connexion. It is open to current and prospective students and is based on commitment, potential and a willingness to take creative work across cultural boundaries.

"It was easy to do art in Frank's classes because he was so supportive of us being ourselves. If we had something to say through art he would help us make it happen. For me this was a big contrast with university art where there always seemed to be an invisible set of rules known only to the anointed masters. Frank liberated us to find our own voices. Once we found our voice he helped us polish our skills and connect with the world." – Jonathan Milne

"Frank encouraged me to find 'a voice.' His confidence in me bolstered my desire to contribute what I could to the New Zealand world I lived in. Frank and his wife Waana were very generous in their hospitality. I remember his paintings for their raw expression, passion, honesty and the way he stripped an issue bare to expose reality. They were BIG, intelligent and forceful statements." – Alison Wilson Milne



What does the Scholarship Cover?

The Frank Davis Scholarship is awarded annually to cover all or part of a student's tuition fees.

Ideal Applicants

- A person who shows commitment and potential
- Applying to study any of the following programmes; the New Zealand Certificate in Creativity Level 4, the New Zealand Diploma in Creativity Levels 5 & 6, and the Diploma of Art and Creativity, Level 7
- A person who has demonstrated, or can demonstrate in an application, a clear idea of how their work questions conventions and/or challenges contemporary views of New Zealand society

Entry Requirements

- Successful applicants must be eligible for enrolment, see admission requirements for more details
- Applicants must be 16 years or older at the time of enrolment
- Scholarships must be taken up within one year of being granted
- Scholarships are open to permanent residents of New Zealand who meet Ministry of Education funding criteria

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How to apply

Fill out and submit the following in our online application form.

- Read the rules and conditions outlined in this document
- Submit three recent works that have the potential to cross cultural boundaries and may challenge current social patterns.
- You may include comments on why you believe that cross-culture connections are important (up to 200 words).
- Include two letters of support from referees outlining why you are an ideal candidate to receive this scholarship
- Our scholarship forms have been expanded to allow applicants to provide additional evidence in the form of three supporting images per submission, which may include (but are not limited to); developmental drawings or sketches, trial/sample works that have relevance to the finished piece or images showing stages of progression through the work. While these images are not required they will be considered as part of your application.

Please note: As the application is through an online form, we recommend applicants prepare the information above in a text document prior to submission in case of any complications. Images of your work must be available digitally, each sized 1MB or less.

Previous Scholarship Recipients

See what some of our past recipients have to say.



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"I was really keen to have a better work-life balance, it was the best decision I made for myself." – **Sherilyn Vilela**

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Conditions

- The Frank Davis Scholarship can be used for the following programmes:
 - » **The New Zealand Certificate in Creativity (Level 4)**
 - » **The New Zealand Diploma in Creativity (Level 5)**
 - » **The New Zealand Diploma in Creativity (Level 6)**
 - » **Diploma of Art and Creativity, Advanced (Level 7)**
- Referees cannot be family, friends or The Learning Connexion Ltd. (hereinafter 'TLC') staff members, e.g. a tutor or mentor
- Submissions must be your own original work
- By applying for the scholarship each applicant confirms that their entry does not infringe upon or violate the rights of any third party
- It is permissible to submit material that has been used in other contexts (such as for an exam or exhibition)
- The Learning Connexion may make use of the work in submissions for promotional purposes without compensation to the artist and without any requirement to seek approval for such use
- Scholarships must be taken up within one year of being granted
- Scholarships are open to Permanent Residents of New Zealand who meet Ministry of Education funding criteria
- To be eligible, submissions must be received by the due date. Late submissions will not be accepted
- Submissions will be assessed on merit and awards will be made at the discretion of the managing director whose decision will be final
- Scholarships are not redeemable for cash
- The number of scholarships granted in any given year will be determined by the managing director
- Should you be granted a scholarship, it does not guarantee any further scholarships or awards for continued study at The Learning Connexion
- Scholarships may be taken up either by enrolling for distance delivery or by studying on-site at our Taita Campus
- Successful applicants will be advised by email by the end of the year which they apply

If you require any assistance with the application please contact our Admissions Team on 0800 278 769 or email admissions@tlc.ac.nz