



1 November 2019

To: email@kellyroe.org

Dear Kelly,

Official information request – FASS 120/240 point Masters Award

I refer to your official information requests to the University dated 4 and 9 October 2019 asking for the following:

How many applicants there were for the FASS Scholarship

How many FASS Scholarships were awarded

A list of the GPA of all applicants

A list of the GPA of all successful applicants

What was the GPA cut-off in 2018 for the University Offered Academic Merit Graduate Research Scholarships? In other words, what was the lowest GPA of successful scholarship recipients?

There were nine applicants for the FASS Scholarship in Round 2 of the 2018 awards. Of those applicants, five were successful.

The GPAs of the applicants are personal information and are, in the University's view, confidential. The University therefore refuses your request to that specific information under section 9(2) of the Official Information Act. It can confirm however, that the GPAs of all applicants (including the successful recipients) were within the expected B+ grade average required by the Regulations.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this decision. Information about how to make a complaint is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or freephone 0800 802 602.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Shelley Slade-Gully'.

Shelley Slade-Gully

Senior Associate, Tompkins Wake Lawyers
(University of Waikato General Counsel)