

# Margaret Piper Doctoral Scholarship

<b>Code:</b>	977
<b>Faculty:</b>	Medical and Health Sciences
<b>Applicable study:</b>	PhD
<b>Closing date:</b>	TBC
<b>Tenure:</b>	Up to 36 months
<b>For:</b>	Assistance with study
<b>Number on offer:</b>	One
<b>Offer rate:</b>	Once every three years
<b>Value:</b>	Up to \$20,000 p.a.

## Description

The Scholarship was established in 2018 and is funded by a bequest held by the School of Medicine Foundation.

The main purpose of the Scholarship is to support students with financial need to undertake doctoral study in the Faculty of Medical and Health Sciences.

## 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 Margaret Piper Doctoral Scholarship.
2. One Scholarship will be awarded once every three years (or more or less often depending on funds available), and will comprise a fortnightly stipend of up to \$20,000 per annum for a period of three years of full-time study. Part-time students will be paid pro-rata for up to 72 months (see Note III).
3. The Scholarship may be awarded to new students applying for admission to a PhD in the Faculty of Medical and Health Sciences at the University of Auckland who meet all the requirements of these regulations. Eligible candidates who have begun their PhD programme in the Faculty of Medical and Health Sciences may be considered for this Scholarship.
4. The Scholarship is tenable by full-time domestic and international students who are eligible to pay domestic fees (see Note I). The scholarship may also be available to domestic students for whom socially compelling reasons make part-time enrolment preferable (see Note III).
5. The basis of selection will be academic merit and financial need. Matters that may be considered in relation to academic merit include, but are not limited to, academic record, standing of awarding institution, academic references, CV, research and publication record. Where a completed programme with a grade point average (GPA) or grade point equivalent (GPE) is the basis for entry to the PhD, a candidate must have a GPA/GPE of 7.00 or

above (6.50 for Māori or Pacific candidates) in that programme to be eligible for scholarship consideration (see Notes II and IV).

6. The Scholarship will be awarded by the University of Auckland Council upon the recommendation of a Selection Committee comprising the Associate Dean (Postgraduate) of the Faculty of Medical and Health Sciences (or nominee), the International Development Manager of the Faculty of Medical and Health Sciences and one member of the Postgraduate Studies Committee from the Faculty of Medical and Health Sciences, nominated by the Associate Dean (Postgraduate) of the Faculty of Medical and Health Sciences.
7. Domestic and international students will be required to enrol within 3 and within 6 months respectively of the date of their unconditional programme offer, otherwise the scholarship offer will lapse. Awardees must also meet all requirements of their admission and scholarship offer before any payments will be made.
8. The Scholarship will provide support for up to 36 months of study and payments will commence from the doctoral enrolment date in the case of new students, and from the date recommended by the Selection Committee and approved by the Scholarships Committee in the case of students who have already commenced their programme. These durations shall be pro-rated for part-time scholarship awardees (see Note III).
9. Subject to regulation 8, the Scholarship shall be tenable until the date of either submission or 48 months of active enrolment from the doctoral enrolment date, whichever is the earlier.
10. The amount of additional and paid work a Scholar may undertake either inside or outside the University shall not exceed a total of 500 hours per scholarship year (see Note V).
11. The Margaret Piper Doctoral Scholarship may not be held concurrently with any scholarship, award or grant funded by the University of Auckland. However, it may be held with any other scholarship, award or grant where the regulations for that scholarship, award or grant permit, and where the University of Auckland Council so approves.
12. The University of Auckland Council has the power to terminate or suspend a Scholarship if it receives a report of unsatisfactory progress of a Scholar from the Associate Dean (Postgraduate) of the Faculty of Medical and Health Sciences.
13. The University of Auckland Council has the power to 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 TBC in the year of the award.
15. Notes [I] – [VIII] below are deemed to be Regulations.

## Notes

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- I. *To be eligible to pay domestic PhD fees, recipients who are permanent residents of New Zealand or Australia, Australian citizens or international students may only be resident outside of New Zealand for a maximum total of twelve months over the period of their enrolment in their doctoral degree and only for the purposes of conducting research.*
- II. *Where the qualifying programme is an undergraduate honours degree (or equivalent undergraduate degree or integrated undergraduate and postgraduate degree), the grade point average or equivalent will be calculated over the final two years of full-time study (or equivalent) in the programme. In all other cases, the grade point average or equivalent will be calculated over the entirety of the qualifying programme.*
- III. *Recipients of Margaret Piper Doctoral Scholarship are normally required to be enrolled on a full-time basis. However, domestic students for whom socially compelling reasons make part-time enrolment preferable may apply to hold a scholarship on a part-time basis pro-rated. Socially compelling reasons include a) carer responsibilities for: pre-school and/or school-aged children; an invalid or disabled family / whanau member; or b) medical condition(s), impairment(s) or disabilities. Applicants will not be granted permission to hold a Margaret Piper Doctoral Scholarship on a part-time basis if they wish to undertake full-time paid employment or substantial part-time employment. Students who hold a scholarship on a part-time basis are subject to the same employment restrictions as full-time scholarship holders (i.e. 500 hours per scholarship year; refer Regulation 10 and Note V) and are required to change to full-time enrolment if a change in their circumstances means they no longer qualify to hold the scholarship on a part-time basis.*

- IV. Financial need will be determined by a range of factors including previous eligibility for a StudyLink Student Allowance, and personal and financial circumstances.*
- V. Recipients of a Margaret Piper Doctoral Scholarship will be required to give undertakings that they will comply with the regulations for the Scholarship and will notify the Scholarships Office of any change in their enrolment, employment or funding status. The University of Auckland may, in the event it can be established that a recipient of a Margaret Piper Doctoral Scholarship is not complying with these regulations, terminate the Scholarship and require repayment of the funds received from the date of the breach.*
- VI. Paid work that is required as part of an approved doctoral programme or that is undertaken as part of an approved University of Auckland Internship, is not counted towards the 500 hours of additional and paid work that a Scholar may undertake while in receipt of a scholarship.*
- VII. The Margaret Piper Doctoral Scholarship will not provide eligibility for consideration for a University of Auckland Doctoral Scholarship Extension under criteria c) of the Policy and Procedures for the University of Auckland Doctoral Scholarship Extensions (Domestic and International).*
- VIII. Payments under the terms of this Scholarship remain tax-free as long as they are used directly for the payment of costs associated with an awardee's programme of study. Failure to comply with this regulation will result in the termination of the Scholarship.*