

Maurice and Phyllis Paykel Trust PhD Research Travel Award

Code:	962
Faculty:	All
Applicable study:	Final year of PhD
Closing date:	18 July 2024
Tenure:	One year
For:	Assistance
Number on offer:	Varies
Offer rate:	Annually
Value:	Up to \$2,000 each

Description

The Maurice and Phyllis Paykel Trust PhD Research Travel Award was established in 2018. They aim to support final year PhD students studying at Waipapa Taumata Rau, University of Auckland with costs of travel for research in a medical related field. This is primarily for travel to scientific meetings but could also include a visit to a research collaborator or research centre.

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 shall be known as the Maurice and Phyllis Paykel Trust PhD Research Travel Award.
2. Awards will be made annually and will be of the value of up to \$2,000 each, up to a total value of \$15,000.
3. To be eligible for consideration for this Award, an applicant must be i) a citizen or permanent resident of New Zealand, ii) enrolled full-time in the final year of a degree of Doctor of Philosophy at Waipapa Taumata Rau, University of Auckland, iii) between 24 to 42 months full-time equivalent from their doctoral registration start date at the time of application, iv) have had their registration confirmed, and v) must meet all the requirements of these regulations. A grade point average (GPA) or grade point equivalent (GPE) of at least 6.00 in their qualifying programme is required for Award consideration (see Note I).
4. The Award may be used to support the costs of research travel in a medical-related field (see Note II).
5. Proposed travel must include an oral or poster presentation of PhD research at a national or international meeting. Inclusion of more than one conference/research visit during the proposed trip will be viewed favourably (see Note II).
6. The basis of selection will be academic merit (as assessed by the grade point average (GPA) or grade point equivalent (GPE) calculated over the applicant's most recent qualifying programme for doctoral study), the quality of

- the submitted abstract and previous opportunities to present quality work at national or international conferences. Consideration may be given to students who have not had previous opportunities to present.
7. The Award will be made by the University of Auckland Council on the recommendation of a Selection Committee comprising the Associate Dean (Research) of the Faculty of Medical and Health Sciences (or nominee) and two other Academic Staff members nominated by the Dean of the Faculty of Medical and Health Sciences.
 8. Payment will be made in one lump sum (see note II).
 9. The Maurice and Phyllis Paykel Trust PhD Research Travel Award may be held concurrently 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 approves. 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. Within three months of the completion of their travel, awardees must submit a report to the Faculty of Medical and Health Sciences and to the Trustees (see Note III).
 11. The University of Auckland Council is not obliged to make an award if it is determined that there is no candidate that meets the criteria and/or no candidate of sufficient merit.
 12. The University of Auckland Council can amend or vary these regulations, in consultation with the donor, provided that there is no departure from the main purpose of the Award.
 13. Applications close with the Scholarships Office on 18 July in the year of the award.
 14. Notes [I]-[V] below are deemed to be regulations.

Notes

- I. 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 programme.*
- II. The Award will not provide further funding if travel is disrupted. The awardee must notify the Scholarships Office if they are unable to undertake the original requested travel. Award funding may not be transferred to any other travel.*
- III. Reports should be submitted to healthresearch@auckland.ac.nz.*
- IV. Payments under the terms of this Award remain tax-free as long as they are used directly for the payment of costs associated with an awardee's programme of study and/or to assist the awardee with travel and living costs while studying. Failure to comply with this regulation will result in the termination of the Award.*
- V. Awardees will be required to comply with the regulations for this Award and must notify the Scholarships Office of any change in their enrolment, travel 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.*