

Scholarship Conditions for DClinPsy Students in their Intern Year

In the third year of the DClinPsy programme students are required to spend 1500 hours working as an intern. They also attend classes one day a week. The vast majority of interns are paid a salary. In recognition of this, note (iv) of the previous University of Auckland Doctoral Scholarship regulations states:

DClinPsy Scholars enrolled in DClinPsy internship year will receive 4/7 of the stipend value for that year. The scholarship will not pay the fee for the internship papers.

In light of disputes over that note and over Regulation 7 (see below), and following discussions with Associate Professor Fred Seymour, HoD Psychology, and student representatives of the DClinPsy programme, Scholarships Sub-Committee recommends the following:

1. Payment in Internship Year

- that DClinPsy students who are in receipt of an existing University of Auckland Doctoral Scholarship be allowed to complete their degree under the current (2006) scholarship regulations: i.e. payment of \$25,000 scholarship and fees in their nonintern years and 4/7 of \$25,000 and no fees in their intern year. There are 13 students in the DClinPsy programme in receipt of a University of Auckland Doctoral Scholarship.

- that the regulations be altered so that DClinPsy students who are first awarded a University of Auckland Doctoral Scholarship for 2007 and beyond:
 - are paid the full stipend with fees in the first two years of the programme
 - in the intern year scholarship recipients have their fees paid and if they provide evidence to Scholarships Office that their net internship salary is less than the value of the University of Auckland Doctoral Scholarship they will receive a stipend to bring their income up to the value of the scholarship

Note (xii) could then read:

DClinPsy Scholars enrolled in the DClinPsy internship year may apply to Scholarships Office for a stipend. If they provide evidence to Scholarships Office that their net internship salary is less than the value of the University of Auckland Doctoral Scholarship they will receive a stipend to bring their income up to the value of the scholarship.

Regulation 3 would also need to be changed to include DClinPsy students:

The Scholarships shall be available annually to Scholars enrolled full time at The University of Auckland who have paid the fees or have arranged to pay the fees, for the Degree of Doctor of Philosophy, DClinPsy, or the research component of another approved Doctorate. Applicants will be expected to have a first-class academic record.

2. Additional and Paid Work

Regulation 9 of The University of Auckland Doctoral Scholarships states:

To comply with the full time study requirement in regulation 3, 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 in a calendar year.

Since DClinPsy students are required to work as an intern for 1500 hours in their third year and the vast majority of them are paid for this work, Scholarships Sub-Committee recommends that a new note be written:

Note (xi) Paid work that is required as part of an approved doctoral programme, such as the internship for third year DClinPsy students, is not counted towards the 500 hours of additional and paid work that a Scholar may undertake while in receipt of a scholarship.

(Most DClinPsy students do not undertake any additional paid work in their intern year. However, to ensure equity it seems prudent to offer them the same conditions as other scholarship recipients).

3. Extensions

Regulation 7 notes that a further six months scholarship funding, subject to Scholarship Sub-Committee approval, may be available. DClinPsy scholarship recipients are eligible to apply for this funding.

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