

Academic Career Advancement Award

Code:	778
Faculty:	All
Applicable study:	Academic Career Advancement Programme
Closing date:	2 October 2025
Tenure:	One Academic Year
For:	Programme costs as determined by the School of Graduate Studies
Number on offer:	Varies
Offer rate:	Annually
Value:	Programme costs as determined by the School of Graduate Studies

Description

The Award was established in 2014 (formerly known as the Academic Career Exploration Award) and is funded by the School of Graduate Studies.

The main purpose of the Award is to enable doctoral students with strong academic leadership potential to enrol in the Academic Career Advancement Programme.

Selection process

- Application is made to the Scholarships Office
- A Selection Committee assesses the applications for both the Award and admission to the Academic Career Advancement Programme
- The Award is made by the University of Auckland Council on the recommendation of the Selection Committee

Regulations

1. The Award will be known as the Academic Career Advancement Award.
2. Awards will be made annually, each for a period of one year, and will cover the costs of the Academic Career Advancement Programme.
3. To be eligible for Award consideration, candidates must i) have their doctoral candidature confirmed before 1 February 2025; ii) be enrolled full-time at Waipapa Taumata Rau, University of Auckland; and iii) have a maximum submission date on or after 30 November 2025 (see Note I). Where a qualifying programme with a grade point average (GPA) or grade point equivalent (GPE) is the basis for entry to the doctoral programme, an applicant must have a GPA/GPE of 6.00 or above in that qualifying programme to be eligible for award consideration. Where a qualifying programme is entirely pass/fail, the University may generate a GPA only where the programme consists entirely of a thesis (see Note IV).
4. The Award is tenable by domestic and international students.
5. The basis of selection will be academic merit as measured by the qualifying programme for entry to the doctoral programme, potential academic leadership capability demonstrated by relevant participation in academic life, the

quality of proposed academic career plans, and endorsement of the main supervisor.

6. The Award will be made by the University of Auckland Council on the recommendation of a Selection Committee comprising the Dean of the School of Graduate Studies (or nominee) and two representatives of the School of Graduate Studies.
7. To take up the Award, awardees must enrol in and complete the Academic Career Advancement Programme (see Regulation 9 and Note III).
8. The 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 Scholarship.
9. The University of Auckland Council has the power to terminate or suspend this Award, and enrolment in the Academic Career Advancement Programme, if it receives an unsatisfactory report on the progress of a Scholar from the Director Education or Dean of the School of Graduate Studies.
10. The University of Auckland Council is not obliged to make an award if it is determined there is no candidate that meets the criteria and/or no candidate of sufficient merit.
11. The University of Auckland Council can amend or vary these Regulations, in consultation with the School of Graduate Studies, provided that there is no departure from the main purpose of the Award.
12. Applications close with the Scholarships Office on 2 October in the year preceding the award.
13. Notes [I]-[V] below are deemed to be regulations.

Notes

- I. Candidates who will be on an extension by 30 November 2025 are not eligible for the Academic Career Advancement Programme. Further information on the Academic Career Advancement Programme can be found at <https://www.auckland.ac.nz/en/students/academic-information/postgraduate-students/doctoral/doctoral-opportunities/acap.html>.*
- II. Applicants will be required to provide a copy of the letter they have received from the Board of Graduate Studies confirming that they have completed their provisional period of candidature.*
- III. Confirmation of continued enrolment in the Academic Career Advancement Programme may be provided by attendance reports. Absences will not usually be approved unless there are compelling medical or adverse personal circumstances beyond the student's control.*
- IV. 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.*
- V. Awardees will be required to comply with the regulations for the Award and must notify the Scholarships Office of any change in their enrolment 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.*