

# Arthur Thomas Paterson Award in Ophthalmology

<b>Code:</b>	63
<b>Faculty:</b>	Medical and Health Sciences
<b>Applicable study:</b>	Vocational Trainee in Ophthalmology
<b>Closing date:</b>	28 August 2025
<b>Tenure:</b>	One year
<b>For:</b>	Overseas postgraduate training as the Committee may direct
<b>Number on offer:</b>	One
<b>Offer rate:</b>	Annually
<b>Value:</b>	Up to \$20,000

## Description

The funds for this Award are provided from a bequest made by Dr Arthur Thomas Paterson for the promotion and encouragement of postgraduate study in Ophthalmology.

## Selection process

- Application is made to the Scholarships Office
- Account will be taken of academic record and proposed programme of study
- The Selection Committee may also interview the applicant
- 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 Arthur Thomas Paterson Award in Ophthalmology.
2. One Award will be made annually, for a period of up to one year, and will have a value of up to \$20,000.
3. The Award will be made to a Vocational Trainee in Ophthalmology who holds or has held within the last three years an accredited or approved position within the Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Ophthalmologists Training Programme in Auckland, for the purpose of assisting in overseas postgraduate study. Applications may be made at any time during training but the Award may not be taken up until the candidate has passed the Part II Examination of the Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Ophthalmologists.
4. The basis of selection will be academic merit and the proposed programme of study. Matters that may be considered in relation to academic merit include, but are not limited to, academic record including postgraduate training, standing of awarding institution, CV and research and publication record. The Selection Committee may also interview candidates. Successful candidates will have a grade point average (GPA) or grade point equivalent (GPE) of 7.00 (6.50 for Māori and Pacific candidates) (see Note 1).
5. The Award will be made by the University of Auckland Council on the recommendation of a Selection Committee consisting of the Dean of the Faculty of Medical and Health Sciences (or nominee), the senior academic appointee in Ophthalmology at the University of Auckland, a representative of each of the three District Health Boards in Auckland and the Auckland representative of the Trainee Progression Committee of the Royal Australian and New Zealand

College of Ophthalmologists.

6. The Award emolument will be spent as the Committee may direct, in or towards the reasonable maintenance of the Scholar's advanced study in Ophthalmology at an institution of international standing.
7. The Selection Committee may recommend the disbursement of the emolument of the Award in one sum or by instalments as it thinks appropriate.
8. The University of Auckland Council is not obliged to make an award if in any year there are no candidates of sufficient merit.
9. 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 recipient to declare to the Scholarships Office all other scholarships, awards and grant funding received and for which the awardee receives payment while also in payment for this Award.
10. The University of Auckland Council has the power to terminate or suspend an Award if it receives a report of unsatisfactory progress of a Scholar from the Dean of the Faculty of Medical and Health Sciences.
11. The University of Auckland Council has the power to amend the above regulations provided that there is no departure from the main purpose of the Award.
12. Applications close with the Scholarships Office on 28 August in the year preceding the award.
13. Notes [I]-[III] below are deemed to be regulations.

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- I. For the purposes of this Award, the GPA/GPE will be calculated over the entirety of the most recently completed programme of study in Ophthalmology.*
- II. Payments under the terms of this Award remain tax-free as long as they are used for the payment of costs associated with an awardee's programme of study and to assist the awardee with living costs while studying. Failure to comply with this regulation will result in the termination of the Award.*
- III. Recipients of an Arthur Thomas Paterson Award in Ophthalmology will be required to give undertakings that they will comply with the regulations for the Award and will notify the Scholarships Office of any change in their enrolment or funding status. The University of Auckland may, in the event that it can be established that a recipient of an Arthur Thomas Paterson Award in Ophthalmology is not complying with these regulations, terminate the Award and require repayment of the funds received from the date of the breach.*