

AUEA Braithwaite-Thompson Graduate Research Award

Code:	519
Faculty:	Engineering and Design
Applicable study:	International student undertaking an ME, MOR or PhD in Engineering
Closing date:	14 May 2025
Tenure:	One year
For:	Assistance with study
Number on offer:	Up to two
Offer rate:	Annually
Value:	Up to \$10,000 each

Description

The Award was established in 2007 by Ray and Joan Thompson.

The main purpose of the Award is to support innovative graduate research in the Faculty of Engineering and Design at Waipapa Taumata Rau, University of Auckland. The Awards are intended to assist International graduate students and to foster international relationships.

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 Award shall be known as the AUEA Braithwaite-Thompson Graduate Research Award.
2. Up to two Awards will be made annually for a period of one year and will be the value of up to \$10,000 each. From time to time, a further one or two Awards may be offered, each for a period of one year, and up to the value of \$5,000.00 each. Awardees may reapply in subsequent years.
3. To be eligible for Award consideration, an applicant must i) be an international student (see Note II), ii) have been granted a visa allowing them to study in New Zealand for the duration of the Award, and iii) be enrolled full-time in either a Masters of Engineering (ME), a Masters of Operations Research (MOR) or a PhD degree in Engineering at Waipapa Taumata Rau, University of Auckland.
4. The basis of selection will be academic potential (see Notes III to V), the quality and relevance of the proposed research and its likely contribution to the standing of research in the Faculty.
5. The Awards will be made by the University of Auckland Council on the recommendation of a Selection Committee comprising the Dean of the Faculty of Engineering and Design (or nominee), the Associate Dean (Postgraduate Research) of the Faculty of Engineering and Design and one representative of the Donor.
6. The Award will be paid in one instalment on acceptance of the Award offer and satisfaction of Regulation 7.

7. To be paid the Award, the awardee must be enrolled full-time in either an ME, MOR or PhD in Engineering.
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 Award.
9. 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.
10. 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/or to assist the awardee with living costs while studying (see Note I). Failure to comply with this regulation will result in the termination of the Award.
11. 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.
12. Applications close with the Scholarships Office on 14 May in the year of the award.
13. Notes [I]-[VIII] below are deemed to be regulations.

Notes

- I. *The tax-free status of this Award is under current legislation. The University of Auckland cannot guarantee this tax-free outcome.*
- II. *International students are students who are neither citizens, permanent residents nor resident visa holders of New Zealand or Australia.*
- III. *For the purposes of this Award, academic potential is assessed as the qualifying programme grade point average (GPA) or grade point equivalent (see Notes IV and V).*
- IV. *For the ME or MOR, the qualifying programme is defined as the most recently completed programme of study that qualifies the applicant for entry to the postgraduate programme in which they are applying or currently enrolled. Where the most recently completed programme is a conjoint programme the GPA/GPE will be calculated over the relevant component of the conjoint programme. The maximum approved exchange or transfer credit that can be excluded from the GPA/GPE calculation for the qualifying programme is 60 points. Where a bridging programme, including a Transitional Certificate, Graduate Diploma or Certificate of Proficiency, is required to qualify the applicant for entry to the postgraduate programme for which they are applying or are currently enrolled, the qualifying programme is the bridging programme and the most recently completed prior programme.*
- V. *For the PhD, to be deemed a qualifying programme for the purposes of award consideration, an individual programme must satisfy Regulation 13a and b of the PhD Statute. Where the qualifying programme is an undergraduate honours degree (or equivalent undergraduate degree or integrated undergraduate and postgraduate degree), the GPA/GPE will be calculated over the final two years of full-time study (or equivalent) in the programme. Where a qualifying programme is entirely pass/fail, the University may generate a GPA/GPE only where the programme consists entirely of a thesis. In all other cases, the grade point average or equivalent will be calculated over the entirety of the qualifying programme.*
- VI. *In making a recommendation for this Award the selection committee may take into account other scholarships, bursaries and awards held by the candidates, with a view to achieving a fair distribution of monies among qualifying candidates.*
- VII. *On completion of their degree, recipients of the Award will be required to submit a copy of their thesis to the donor, at the donor's expense.*
- VIII. *Awardees will be required to comply with the regulations for the Scholarship 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 Scholarship and require repayment of the funds received.*