

# Foveran Scholarship

<b>Code:</b>	602
<b>Faculty:</b>	Arts and Education
<b>Applicable study:</b>	Postgraduate study in Theological and Religious Studies at the University of Auckland or an approved overseas theological institution
<b>Closing date:</b>	18 June 2025
<b>Tenure:</b>	One year
<b>For:</b>	Assistance with study
<b>Number on offer:</b>	Varies
<b>Offer rate:</b>	Annually
<b>Value:</b>	Up to \$30,000 in total

## Description

The Scholarship was established in 2009 and is funded by a retired University of Auckland staff member.

The purpose of this Scholarship is to enable students who have obtained a degree in Theological and Religious Studies from Waipapa Taumata Rau, University of Auckland or another approved theological institution to enrol in postgraduate study at Waipapa Taumata Rau, University of Auckland or an approved overseas theological institution, and thus accept opportunities which they might not otherwise be able to undertake.

## 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 Scholarship will be known as the Foveran Scholarship.
2. Scholarships will be awarded annually, each for a period of one year, up to a total value of \$30,000. Awardees may reapply for the Scholarship in subsequent years. Payment and tenure will be pro-rated for part-time students.
3. To be eligible for Scholarship consideration, an applicant must be i) a New Zealand Citizen or Permanent Resident (see Note II), and ii) be enrolled, or intending to enrol, full or part-time in a Postgraduate Diploma or an honours, masters or PhD degree in Theological and Religious Studies at Waipapa Taumata Rau, University of Auckland, or an equivalent postgraduate qualification at another recognised theological institution overseas approved by the Major/Specialisation Leader of Theological and Religious Studies. A grade point average (GPA) or grade point equivalent (GPE) of at least 6.50 (6.00 for Māori applicants and Pacific applicants [see Note III]) in the most recent qualifying programme is required for Scholarship consideration (see Notes IV and V).
4. The basis of selection will be academic merit as assessed by the GPA/GPE calculated over the most recent qualifying programme (see Notes IV and V), the nature of the proposed postgraduate study, and financial need as

assessed by a personal statement and the criteria at Note VI.

5. The Scholarship will be awarded by the University of Auckland Council on the recommendation of a Selection Committee comprising the Deputy Head (Academic) of the School of Humanities (or nominee), the Major/Specialisation Leader of Theological and Religious Studies (or nominee), and an additional member of Academic Staff nominated by the Deputy Head (Academic) of the School of Humanities.
6. To be paid the Scholarship, awardees must be enrolled full-time or part-time in a Postgraduate Diploma, honours, masters or PhD programme in the Faculty of Arts and Education at Waipapa Taumata Rau, University of Auckland or in an equivalent postgraduate qualification at another recognised theological institution overseas.
7. The Scholarship will be paid in one instalment, subject to confirmation of enrolment. Payment and tenure will be pro-rated for part-time students.
8. The Scholarship may be concurrently held 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 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 Scholarship 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 Scholarship.
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 Scholarship.
12. Applications close with the Scholarships Office on 18 June in the year of the award.
13. Notes [I]-[X] below are deemed to be regulations.

## Notes

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- I. *The tax-free status of this Scholarship is under current legislation. The University of Auckland cannot guarantee this tax-free outcome.*
- II. *New Zealand Permanent Residents have been granted a Permanent Resident Visa by Immigration New Zealand. For more information visit <https://www.immigration.govt.nz/new-zealand-visas/already-have-a-visa/becoming-a-permanent-resident>.*
- III. *Pacific applicants are defined as New Zealand Citizens or Permanent Residents who are of Indigenous Pacific descent from any of the following islands: Samoa, American Samoa, Tonga, Cook Islands, Niue, Tokelau, Fiji (iTaukei), Rotuma, Solomon Islands, Vanuatu, New Caledonia, Papua New Guinea, Kiribati, Tuvalu, Palau, Marshall Islands, Federated States of Micronesia, Wallis and Futuna, Hawaii, French Polynesia, Rapanui (Easter Island), Pitcairn Islands, Nauru, Guam, Northern Mariana Islands.*
- IV. *For the purposes of Postgraduate Diploma, honours or masters study, the most recent qualifying programme is defined as the most recently completed programme of study that qualifies the applicant for entry to the programme for which they are applying or are currently enrolled. Where the qualifying 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 purposes of PhD study, where a qualifying programme is entirely pass/fail, the University may generate a GPA only where the programme consists entirely of a thesis. 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 fulltime study (or equivalent) in the programme. In all other*

*cases, the GPA/GPE will be calculated over the entirety of the qualifying programme.*

- VI. Financial need will be determined by a range of factors including past or current eligibility for a StudyLink Student Allowance and personal and financial circumstances.*
- VII. In making a recommendation for this Scholarship the Selection Committee shall 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.*
- VIII. Students applying for postgraduate study at Waipapa Taumata Rau, University of Auckland and who are past graduates or current students of Knox Centre for Ministry Leadership, Dunedin or Laidlaw College in Henderson, Auckland are also welcome to apply.*
- IX. 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 it can be established that an awardee is not complying with these regulations, terminate the Scholarship and require repayment of the funds received.*
- X. Foveran is the small Scottish village from which the Donor's ancestors migrated to New Zealand early in the 19th century. Subsequently the name was adopted for the family farm in New Zealand.*