

HOPE Foundation for Research on Ageing Scholarship

Code:	423
Faculty:	All
Applicable study:	Masters or Doctoral research
Closing date:	30 October 2025
Tenure:	One year
For:	Assistance with study
Number on offer:	Varies
Offer rate:	Annually
Value:	Up to \$6,000 each

Description

The Scholarship was established in 2003 and is funded through the HOPE Foundation for Research on Ageing, a Charitable Trust dedicated to sponsoring research on ageing and its effects on the New Zealand Community.

The main purpose of the Scholarship is to encourage interest in research in the field of ageing at the start of a career, and throughout the individual's productive research life, by supporting master and doctoral level research at the University of Auckland.

Selection process

- Application is made to the Scholarships Office
- The HOPE Foundation for Research on Ageing assesses the applications
- The Scholarship is awarded by the University of Auckland Council on the recommendation of the HOPE Foundation for Research on Ageing

Regulations

1. The Scholarship shall be known as the HOPE Foundation for Research on Ageing Scholarship.
2. Scholarships will be awarded nationally, for a period of one year and will be of the value of \$6,000 each. Recipients of the Scholarship may reapply for up to three years.
3. The Scholarship may be awarded to candidates who are enrolled and have paid the fees, or arranged to pay the fees, for full-time or part-time enrolment in a masters thesis or dissertation, or a full-time or part-time doctoral thesis at the University of Auckland on a topic related to ageing. Applications will be accepted from a wide range of disciplines in line with the HOPE Foundation for Research on Ageing's objectives of encouraging and supporting multi-disciplinary innovative academic research into the concept of Positive Ageing and the necessity for good ageing (see Note I).
4. The Scholarship is tenable by domestic and international students.
5. The basis of selection shall be academic merit as assessed by the grade point average (GPA) or grade point equivalent (GPE) obtained over the most recent qualifying programme, the alignment of the candidate's research

purpose to the aims and objectives of the HOPE Foundation for Research on Ageing, and two academic references. In order to assess applications, support documentation including, but not limited to, CV, research methodology, budget and how the grant will be spent, may be requested. The candidate's supervisor will be required to supply a budget plan for the project (see Notes II to VI).

6. The Scholarship will be awarded by the University of Auckland Council upon the recommendation of the HOPE Foundation for Research on Ageing.
7. Payment will be made in two equal instalments in the third week of Semester One and Semester Two.
8. The Scholarship 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 approved. 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 of this Scholarship.
9. The University of Auckland Council has power to terminate or suspend a Scholarship, if it receives a report of unsatisfactory progress of a Scholar from the Head of the Department or School in which the student is enrolled.
10. The University of Auckland Council is not obliged to make an award if in any year there are no candidates of sufficient merit.
11. The University of Auckland Council has power to amend or vary these Regulations, in consultation with the HOPE Foundation for Research on Ageing, provided there is no departure from the main purpose of the Scholarships.
12. Applications close with the Scholarships Office on 30 October in the year preceding the award.
13. Notes [I]-[VIII] below are deemed to be regulations.

Notes

- I. *HOPE Foundation for Research on Ageing's necessities for good ageing include health, financial security, independence, self-fulfilment, community attitudes, personal safety and security, the physical environment, quality well-designed housing, good nutrition, easy access to public transport, competent financial advice, access to an appropriate range of community services, flexible working conditions for those desiring to continue working, spiritual support, and reliable affordable and non-complex communications systems.*
- II. *A photo of the candidate may be requested for the Foundation to use for publicity purposes.*
- III. *Recipients of the Scholarship who are reapplying for the Scholarship will be required to provide a progress report of the research project to date, including an updated budget. The candidate's supervisor will be required to submit a progress report and endorsement of continuation of the project.*
- IV. *For the purposes of a masters thesis or dissertation programme, the most recent qualifying programme is defined as the most recently completed programme of study that qualifies the applicant for entry to the research masters programme for which they are applying. Where the most recently completed programme is a conjoint programme the GPA/GPE will be calculated over the entirety 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 the most recent qualifying programme is a Transitional Certificate, the qualifying programme is the Transitional Certificate and the most recently completed prior degree.*
- V. *For the purposes of a PhD programme, 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 graded study (or equivalent) in the programme. In all other cases, the GPA/GPE will be calculated over the entirety of the programme.*
- VI. *Recipients will be expected to report progress to the HOPE Foundation for Research on Aging at the end of each year of support and to provide a final report of the finished research. Recipients will be expected to acknowledge support of the HOPE Foundation for Research on Ageing in any publication, monograph, report or presentation that results from the research. The Foundation will not restrict the publication of research results by the recipient of a scholarship. However, from time to time, in order to enhance its own public profile as a research-supporting entity, the Foundation will negotiate with recipients the publication of reports on research in progress and the final report of finished research in some agreed form.*

- VII. *Payments under the terms of this Scholarship remain tax-free as long as they are used to 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 Scholarship.*
- VIII. *Recipients of a HOPE Foundation for Research on Ageing Scholarship will be required to give undertakings that they will comply with the regulations for the Scholarship and will notify the Scholarships Office of any change in their enrolment, employment or funding status. The University of Auckland may, in the event that it can be established that a recipient of a HOPE Foundation for Research on Ageing Scholarship is not complying with these regulations, terminate the Scholarship and require repayment of the funds received from the date of the breach.*