James Hodge M & P Paykel Trust Research Scholarship in Medical and Health Sciences

**Code:** 285  
**Faculty:** All  
**Applicable study:** Science Graduate enrolled in honours or masters in medical and health sciences field  
**Closing date:** 9 May 2024  
**Tenure:** Up to two years (see Reg.2)  
**For:** Support to undertake medical and health science research  
**Number on offer:** Up to three  
**Offer rate:** Annually  
**Value:** $7,500 each

**Description**

The Scholarship was established by the Trustees of the Maurice and Phyllis Paykel Trust to encourage outstanding science students to undertake research in medical and health sciences in order to achieve an honours, or a masters degree at Waipapa Taumata Rau, University of Auckland.

**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 James Hodge M & P Paykel Trust Research Scholarship in Medical and Health Sciences.
2. Up to three Scholarships will be awarded annually for a period of one year, and will be of the value of up to $7,500 each (see Note I). Masters students may be able to hold the Scholarship for a second year of study, subject to outstanding academic performance. Part-time students will be paid pro-rata.
3. To be eligible for Scholarship consideration, an applicant must i) be a citizen or permanent resident of New Zealand, ii) have graduated with a degree in Science, and iii) be enrolled, or intending to enrol, in an honours or a masters degree in a medical and health sciences field. MBChB students, medical graduates or PhD candidates are not eligible for this Scholarship. A grade point average (GPA) or grade point equivalent (GPE) of at least 7.00 (6.50 for Māori and Pacific candidates) in the applicant’s most recent qualifying programme is required for Scholarship consideration (see Note II).
4. The basis of selection will be academic merit as assessed by the GPA/GPE calculated over the most recent qualifying programme (see Note II), and the quality and nature of the applicant’s research proposal.
5. The Scholarship is awarded by the University of Auckland Council on the recommendation of a Selection Committee.

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comprising the Associate Dean (Research) (or nominee), the Associate Dean (Postgraduate) (or nominee) of the Faculty of Medical and Health Sciences, and an additional academic staff member of the Faculty of Medical and Health Sciences nominated by the Associate Dean (Research), and with the approval of the Trustees of the Maurice and Phyllis Paykel Trust.

6. To be paid the Scholarship, awardees must be enrolled in an honours or masters programme in a medical and health sciences field.

7. The Scholarship will be paid in one lump sum.

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 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. The University of Auckland Council, in consultation with the Trustees, has the power to terminate or suspend a Scholarship if it receives a report of unsatisfactory progress of a Scholar from the Associate Dean (Postgraduate).

11. The University of Auckland Council can amend or vary these regulations provided that there is no departure from the main purpose of the Scholarship.

12. Applications close with the Scholarships Office on 9 May in the year of the award.

13. Notes [I]-[VII] below are deemed to be Regulations.

Notes

I. Subject to Regulation 2, a Scholarship may be offered on the recommendation of the Selection Committee to a person who has not submitted an application.

II. The most recent 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.

III. The awardee must submit a final report to the Trustees, through the Dean of the Faculty of Medical and Health Sciences at the conclusion of their tenure of the Scholarship,

IV. Research undertaken by the awardee must conform to the codes of ethical conduct at Waipapa Taumata Rau, University of Auckland, and must have the approval of the appropriate ethics committee.

V. Any publications resulting from work done during the tenure of a Scholarship must include an acknowledgement of the support provided by the Maurice and Phyllis Paykel Trust.

VI. 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. Failure to comply with this regulation will result in the termination of the Scholarship.

VII. 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.