

John Hamel MacGregor Award in Medical Science

Code:	233
Faculty:	Medical and Health Sciences
Applicable study:	MBChB student undertaking BMedSci (Hons) or postgraduate research degree
Closing date:	30 October 2025
Tenure:	One year
For:	Support to undertake research
Number on offer:	Up to five awards
Offer rate:	Annually
Value:	Up to \$10,000 each

Description

The Trust Fund was established in 1989 from the will of Mrs I M Gill of Auckland. Awards have been established by the Trustees of the John Hamel MacGregor Trust to support medical students who wish to pursue a BMedSci or postgraduate research degree in the Faculty of Medical and Health Sciences at the University of Auckland.

Selection process

- Application is made to the Scholarships Office
- A Selection Committee assesses the applications
- 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 John Hamel MacGregor Awards in Medical Science.
2. Up to five awards will be made annually for a period of up to one year and will be of the value of up to \$10,000 each. At least half of the Awards must be made to New Zealand Citizens. Part-time students will be paid pro-rata.
3. To be eligible for Award consideration, an applicant must have successfully completed Part III Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery (MBChB) in the year of application, and ii) be enrolled, or intending to enrol in either a Bachelor of Medical Science (Honours) (BMedSci(Hons)) or a postgraduate research degree offered by the Faculty of Medical and Health Sciences at Waipapa Taumata Rau, University of Auckland in the following year before resuming and completing their MBChB programme. A grade point average (GPA) of at least 7.00 (6.50 for Māori and Pacific candidates) is required for Award consideration (see Note II).
4. Subject to Regulation 2, the Award is tenable by domestic or international students.
5. The basis of selection will be academic merit (see Note II), the quality and nature of the applicant's research proposal and financial need as assessed by a personal statement and the criteria at Note III.
6. The Award will be made by the University of Auckland Council on the recommendation of a Selection Committee comprising the Dean of the Faculty of Medical and Health Sciences (or nominee), the Associate Dean (Postgraduate) of the Faculty of Medical and Health Sciences (or nominee), and one other member of the Faculty of Medical and Health Sciences nominated by the Dean of the Faculty of Medical and Health Sciences.

7. The Award will be paid in a fortnightly stipend commencing in Semester One, as soon as is practical after confirmation of the awardee's enrolment (that is, after the final date on which a student may add or delete courses without incurring a late enrolment fee). Part-time students will be paid pro-rata.
8. To be paid the Award, awardees must be enrolled in a BMedSci(Hons) or a postgraduate research degree in the Faculty of Medical and Health Sciences at Waipapa Taumata Rau, University of Auckland.
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 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.
10. 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.
11. The University of Auckland Council has the power to terminate or suspend an Award if it receives a report of unsatisfactory progress by a Scholar from the Associate Dean (Postgraduate) of the Faculty of Medical and Health Sciences.
12. 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.
13. The University of Auckland Council can amend or vary these regulations provided that there is no departure from the main purpose of the Award.
14. Applications close with the Scholarships Office on 30 October in the year preceding the year of the Award.
15. Notes [I]-[IV] 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. For the purpose of these this Award, academic merit is assessed as a Scholarships GPA or GPE obtained over the applicant's most recent two years of full-time graded study in the MBChB.*
- III. Financial need will be determined by a range of factors including current or past eligibility for a StudyLink Student Allowance and personal and financial circumstances. Applicants need to demonstrate that they are experiencing financial hardship and that they are struggling to meet basic living costs. Incurred debt is not evidence of financial hardship.*
- IV. Awardees will be required to comply with the regulations for the Award 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 Award and require repayment of the funds received from the date of the breach.*