

Keith Sinclair Memorial Scholarship

Code:	236
Faculty:	Arts and Education
Applicable study:	PhD in the History of Aotearoa New Zealand
Closing date:	27 November 2025
Tenure:	One year
For:	Assistance
Number on offer:	One
Offer rate:	Annually
Value:	Up to \$14,000

Description

This Scholarship commemorates the contribution made to the University of Auckland and to the study of New Zealand history by Professor Sir Keith Sinclair. It was funded by donations on the part of those who honoured him and his work.

The main purpose of the Scholarship is to encourage and support a New Zealand PhD student enrolled in the Faculty of Arts and Education at Waipapa Taumata Rau, University of Auckland to undertake research in the History of Aotearoa New Zealand.

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 Keith Sinclair Memorial Scholarship.
2. One Scholarship will be awarded annually, for a period of up to one year, and will be of the value of up to \$14,000. Awardees may reapply for the Scholarship in subsequent years.
3. To be eligible for Scholarship consideration, an applicant must be i) a New Zealand Citizen or Permanent Resident (see Note II), ii) enrolled full-time in a Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) at Waipapa Taumata Rau, University of Auckland, and iii) undertaking research related to the history of Aotearoa New Zealand.
4. The basis of selection will be academic merit (see Note III), and the quality, nature and relevance of the research. Matters that may be considered in relation to academic merit include, but are not limited to, academic record, standing of awarding institution, academic references, CV and research and publication record.
5. The Scholarship will be awarded by the University of Auckland Council on the recommendation of a Selection Committee comprising the Associate Dean (Postgraduate) of the Faculty of Arts and Education (or nominee), the Major/Specialisation Leader of History (or nominee) and another academic staff member from History. At least one member of the Committee will be expected to have expertise in the history of Aotearoa New Zealand.

6. To be paid the Scholarship, the awardee must be i) enrolled full-time in a PhD in the Faculty of Arts and Education, and ii) undertaking research related to the history of Aotearoa New Zealand.
7. The Scholarship will be paid as a fortnightly stipend.
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 has the power to terminate or suspend a Scholarship if it receives a report of unsatisfactory progress by the Scholar from the Associate Dean (Postgraduate) of the Faculty of Arts and Education.
11. 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.
12. The University of Auckland Council can amend or vary these Regulations, in consultation with the Faculty of Arts and Education, provided that there is no departure from the main purpose of the Scholarship.
13. Applications close with the Scholarships Office on 27 November in the year preceding the award.
14. Notes [I]-[V] below are deemed to be regulations.

Notes

- 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. *For the purposes of this Scholarship, academic merit is assessed as the applicant's qualifying programme grade point average (GPA) or grade point equivalent (GPE) 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 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 full-time study (or equivalent) in the programme. In all other cases, the GPA/GPE will be calculated over the entirety of the qualifying programme.*
- IV. *In making a recommendation for this scholarship the Selection Committee shall take into account other scholarships, bursaries and awards held by the applicants, with a view to achieving a fair distribution of monies among qualifying candidates.*
- V. *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 from the date of the breach.*