

# Marcus Gerbich Memorial Honours/Masters Scholarship in Motor Neuron Disease Research

<b>Code:</b>	1164
<b>Faculty:</b>	Medical and Health Sciences Science
<b>Applicable study:</b>	Masters or Honours degree in Motor Neuron Disease Research
<b>Closing date:</b>	By nomination
<b>Tenure:</b>	One year
<b>For:</b>	Assistance with study
<b>Number on offer:</b>	Up to two
<b>Offer rate:</b>	Annually
<b>Value:</b>	Up to \$24,000 in total

## Description

The Scholarship was established in 2022 by friends and family of Marcus Gerbich, a significant supporter of the research undertaken by the Motor Neuron Disease Lab in the Centre for Brain Research and is funded by the Transportation Auckland Corporation Limited.

The intention of the Scholarship is to encourage and support students enrolled at Waipapa Taumata Rau, University of Auckland to undertake research related to Motor Neuron Disease.

## Selection process

- Nomination is made to the Scholarships Office
- 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 Marcus Gerbich Memorial Honours/Masters Scholarship in Motor Neuron Disease Research.
2. Up to two Scholarships will be awarded annually for a period of up to one year up to a total value of \$24,000. Payments and tenure will be pro-rated for part-time students (see Note II).
3. To be eligible for Scholarship consideration, a candidate must be i) a New Zealand Citizen or Permanent Resident, ii) enrolled, or enrolling, full-time or part-time (see Note II) at Waipapa Taumata Rau, University of Auckland in a postgraduate bachelors (honours) degree or masters degree, and iii) undertaking a research course with a value of at least 60 points in the Motor Neuron Disease Lab in the Centre for Brain Research. A grade point average (GPA) or grade point equivalent (GPE) of at least 6.00 in their most recent qualifying programme for study is required for Scholarship consideration (see Note III).
4. The basis of selection will be academic merit as assessed by the GPA/GPE calculated over the most recent

qualifying programme and the quality and nature of the proposed research.

5. The Scholarship will be awarded by the University of Auckland Council on the recommendation of a Selection Committee comprising the Associate Dean (Postgraduate Research) Faculty of Medical and Health Sciences (or nominee), the Head of the Motor Neuron Disease Research Lab (or nominee) and one representative of the donor.
6. The Scholarship will be paid in two equal instalments in Semester One and Two, 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) (see Note IV).
7. To be paid the Scholarship, awardees must be i) enrolled full-time or part-time (see Note II) in a postgraduate bachelors (honours) or masters degree and ii) enrolled in a research course with a value of at least 60 points in the Motor Neuron Disease Lab in the Centre for Brain Research.
8. The Scholarship may be held with any other scholarship, award or grant where the Regulations for that scholarship, award or grant permit and where 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 amount of additional and paid work a Scholar may undertake either inside or outside the University shall not exceed a total of 500 hours per year during the tenure of this Scholarship.
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, in consultation with the donor, 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 Research) of the Faculty of Medical and Health Sciences.
12. 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.
13. Notes [I] – [VII] 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. *Awardees are normally required to be enrolled on a full-time basis. However, students for whom compassionate and compelling circumstances make part-time enrolment preferable may apply to hold the Scholarship on a part-time basis, pro-rated. Compassionate and compelling circumstances mean circumstances that are generally beyond the student's control and have an impact on their ability to study full-time. For example: serious illness or injury, pregnancy or childbirth, care responsibilities for whanau, and traumatic experiences. Applicants will not be granted permission to hold the Scholarship on a part-time basis if they wish to undertake full-time paid employment or substantial part-time employment. Students who hold a scholarship on a part-time basis are subject to the same employment restrictions as full-time scholarship holders (i.e. 500 hours per scholarship year; refer Regulation 9) and are required to change to full-time enrolment if a change in their circumstances means they no longer qualify to hold the scholarship on a part-time basis.*
- III. *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 for which they are applying. 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.*
- IV. *At the discretion of the Selection Committee, the Scholarship may cover compulsory fees, with the balance paid in equal lump sums in each semester of study (see Note V)*

- V. *Compulsory fees are only those related to the relevant programme of study, plus Student Services Fee.*
- 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, employment 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.*