Margaret Burland Doctoral Scholarship

Code:	712
Faculty:	Medical and Health Sciences
Applicable study:	DHSc. DMedSc or PhD in the Faculty of Medical and Health Sciences
Closing date:	TBC
Tenure:	Up to 42 months FTE (see Reg. 10)
For:	Assistance with study
Number on offer:	One
Offer rate:	Every four years
Value:	Up to $34,569 pa in 2025 plus compulsory fees (see Reg. 2)

Description

The Scholarship was established in 2012 and is funded primarily by a bequest from Margaret Burland to the University of Auckland Foundation.

The purpose of the Scholarship is to support an academically meritorious doctoral student with financial need enrolled in the Faculty of Medical and Health Sciences.

Selection process

- Application is made to the Scholarships Office
- A Selection Committee assesses the applications
- The Scholarship must be awarded together with the Margaret Piper Doctoral Scholarship
- 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 Margaret Burland Doctoral Scholarship.
2. One Scholarship will be awarded every four years (or more or less often depending on funds available), and must be held concurrently with the Margaret Piper Doctoral Scholarship. a) For awardees enrolled in a PhD, Doctor of Medical Sciences (DMedSc) or awardees enrolled in a Doctor of Health Sciences (DHSc) without a compulsory part-time component, and provided the awardee continues to meet the requirements of these regulations including but not limited to eligibility to pay domestic tuition fees for the doctoral programme (see Note II), the combined Margaret Burland Doctoral Scholarship and Margaret Piper Doctoral Scholarship consists of i) a tax-free stipend of up to $34,569 in 2025 for up to 36 months of full-time equivalent (FTE) doctoral enrolment (see Regulation 10), ii) the Student Services Fee and compulsory tuition fees for prescribed study in the doctoral programme for up to 36 months FTE (see Regulation 10), and iii) the single student Health Insurance compulsory charge (as detailed on the tuition fees invoice) for the duration of the Scholarship for international students.Part-time scholars shall be paid pro-rata for up to 72 months (see Regulation 5). b) For awardees enrolled in an DHSc with a compulsory part-time coursework component, and provided the awardee continues to meet the requirements of these regulations including

but not limited to eligibility to pay domestic tuition fees for the doctoral programme (see Note II), the combined Margaret Piper Doctoral Scholarship and Margaret Burland Doctoral Scholarship consists of i) compulsory tuition fees and the Student Services Fee for the 120 point enrolment in the coursework component of the degree, and ii) compulsory tuition fees and the Students Services Fee and a tax-free stipend of up to $34,569 per annum in 2025 for up to 24 months FTE enrolment in the thesis component of the degree (part-time awardees will be paid pro-rata for up to 48 months [see Regulation 5]).

3. To be eligible for Scholarship consideration, an applicant must be applying for admission to a PhD, DMedSc or DHSc in the Faculty of Medical and Health Sciences at Waipapa Taumata Rau, University of Auckland. Eligible candidates who have begun their PhD, DMedSc or DHSc programme in the Faculty of Medical and Health Sciences may also be considered for this Scholarship.
4. The Scholarship is tenable by domestic or international students who are eligible to pay domestic fees (see Note II).
5. a)The Scholarship as prescribed by 2(a) may be awarded for full-time enrolment in the PhD or DMedSc, or for full-time enrolment in a DHSc without a compulsory part-time component. The Scholarship as detailed at Regulation 2(a) may also be awarded (pro-rated) to domestic applicants enrolled part-time in programmes without a compulsory part-time component. b) The Scholarship as prescribed by 2(b) may be awarded to domestic applicants for compulsory part-time enrolment in the coursework component of the DHSc and for full-time enrolment in the thesis component of the DHSc. For the avoidance of doubt, international applicants who are eligible to pay domestic PhD tuition fees but required by their student visa to study full-time are not eligible to hold the Scholarship part-time.
6. The basis of selection will be academic merit as assessed by the student's recent academic record, the quality of the research proposal or project, the applicant's financial situation as assessed by a personal statement and endorsement by the proposed supervisor and host academic unit. Matters that may be considered in relation to academic merit include, but are not limited to, academic record, standing of awarding institute, academic references, CV and research and publication record.
7. The Scholarship will be awarded by the University of Auckland Council on the recommendation of a Selection Committee comprising the Associate Dean (Postgraduate Research) of the Faculty of Medical and Health Sciences (or nominee), and two members of the Faculty of Medical and Health Sciences Research Committee.
8. Applicants who have been offered a Scholarship must meet all requirements for admission into their intended programme and all requirements of their Scholarship offer to take up the Scholarship. No payments will be made until all requirements have been met (see Notes IV and V).
9. Scholarships must be taken up within six months of the award, otherwise the Scholarship offer will be forfeited (see Notes IV and V).
10. Scholarship payments will commence on the intial date of enrolment in the doctoral programme in the case of new students or the date nominated by the Selection Committee and approved by the Scholarships Committee in the case of students who have already commenced their programme, and will provide support for up to 36 months of full-time study in accordance with Regulation 2 (see Note VI). A further six months of scholarship funding, subject to availability of funding and Scholarships Committee approval, may be available to students undertaking a PhD or DMedSc. These durations shall be pro-rated for part-time scholarship awardees.
11. Subject to Regulation 10, the Scholarship shall be tenable until the date of either submission or 48 months of active enrolment from the doctoral enrolment date, whichever is the earlier (see Note VI).
12. Holders of the Scholarship may apply to suspend their Scholarship for up to 12 months in total during the tenure of their award (see Notes VII and VIII).
13. The amount of additional and paid work a Scholar may undertake either inside or outside the University shall not exceed a total of 750 hours per 12-month period of scholarship tenure (see Note IX).
14. The Margaret Burland Doctoral Scholarship must be held concurrently with the Margaret Piper Doctoral Scholarship. Any additional tuition fee, stipend or top-up scholarship received from any other award or scholarship must be declared to the Scholarships Office upon receipt of the offer from the awarding body or receipt of the Margaret Burland Doctoral Scholarship offer, whichever is later (see Note XII).
15. The University of Auckland Council, in consultation with the Scholarships Committee, will determine if additional tuition fee, living stipend or top-up scholarships may be co-tenured with the named Scholarship (see Notes X to XII).

16. If a Scholarship holder is required to undertake an internship as part of their doctoral programme, or chooses to participate in an approved Waipapa Taumata Rau, University of Auckland internship while remaining enrolled in the doctoral programme, and receives an income from that internship that is equivalent to or in excess of the stipend of the named Scholarship, the combined Margaret Burland Doctoral Scholarship and Margaret Piper Doctoral Scholarship will reduce to fees-only for the period of scholarship tenure that coincides with the internship.
17. If a Scholarship holder is required to undertake an internship as part of their doctoral programme or chooses to participate in an approved Waipapa Taumata Rau, University of Auckland internship or industry placement while remaining enrolled in the doctoral programme, and no income is received from that activity, the combined Margaret Burland Doctoral Scholarship and Margaret Piper Doctoral Scholarship stipend may continue to be provided for the duration of the activity. If the income received is less than the stipend value of the combined Margaret Burland Doctoral Scholarship and Margaret Piper Doctoral Scholarship for the period of the internship, Scholarships Committee may agree to pay a partial stipend to bring the total net income to the current combined Margaret Burland Doctoral Scholarship and Margaret Piper Doctoral Scholarship stipend value for the period.
18. A Scholarship may be withdrawn at any stage of the offer or tenure if incorrect, false or misleading information is provided by the applicant to the University as part of the programme and scholarship application to the University, or relevant information is withheld. This includes circumstances where the information is unrelated to the assessment in offering the Scholarship.
19. Payments under the terms of this Scholarship remain tax-free under existing legislation 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.
20. The University of Auckland Council has the power to terminate or suspend a Scholarship if it receives a report of unsatisfactory progress by a Scholar from the Associate Dean (Postgraduate Research) of the Faculty of Medical and Health Sciences.
21. 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.
22. The University of Auckland Council can amend or vary these Regulations provided that there is no departure from the main purpose of the Scholarship.
23. Applications close with the Scholarships Office on TBC.
24. Notes [I]-[XVI] 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. International students are not eligible to pay domestic fees for the DMedSc or DHSc and thus are not eligible to hold the Scholarship for those programmes. To be eligible to pay domestic PhD fees, recipients who are permanent residents of New Zealand or Australia, Australian citizens or international students may only be resident outside of New Zealand for a maximum total of twelve months over the period of their enrolment in their doctoral degree and only for the purposes of conducting research that cannot be conducted at an equivalent level in New Zealand.

III. To take up the scholarship means to commence doctoral enrolment and/or the tenure of the scholarship.

IV. Doctoral enrolments and scholarship payments must commence on the first of the month.

V. Where a Margaret Burland Doctoral Scholarship is held at the time of conclusion of doctoral enrolment or withdrawal from the doctoral programme or termination of the awardee's doctoral candidature, tenure of the Scholarship will terminate, effective on the date determined by Scholarships Committee in consultation with the Dean of Graduate Studies as warranted.

VI. An additional 12-month parental-leave suspension may be considered where the holder becomes a parent during their tenure of the Scholarship,

VII. In exceptional circumstances, a suspension of this Scholarship beyond the suspension periods stated in Regulation 12 and Note VII may be approved. Applications must be made in writing to the Scholarships Office.

VIII. *Candidates who hold a scholarship on a part-time basis are subject to the same employment restrictions as full-time scholarship holders (i.e. 750 hours per 12-month period).*

IX. *A Margaret Burland Doctoral Scholarship may not be held concurrently with any doctoral scholarship funded by Waipapa Taumata Rau, University of Auckland (including scholarships funded by faculties, LSRIs or URCs) or any postgraduate scholarship or grant awarded by the Universities New Zealand Scholarships Committee, or by a foreign government or agency. As per Note XII, awardees must notify the Scholarships Office of any change in their funding status.*

X. *Where the University of Auckland Council approves co-tenure, the combined stipend may not exceed 150% of the value of the combined Margaret Burland Doctoral Scholarship and Margaret Piper Doctoral Scholarship stipend. For the avoidance of doubt, support that is not for the purposes of living costs is excluded from this calculation. For example, a grant to cover research costs or professional development would not have an impact on the Margaret Burland Doctoral Scholarship.*

XI. *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.*

XII. *Where a backdated application to suspend a Scholarship has been approved, the student will be offered three options to repay any overpaid stipend payments: i) repay the total overpayment and normal stipend payments resume on the restart of both enrolment and the Scholarship, or ii) stipend payments do not resume on the restart of enrolment, and are stopped until such time as the equivalent value of the overpayments would have been paid, or iii) stipend payments are reduced until the equivalent value of the overpayments has been recovered.*

XIII. *If an awardee is overpaid an amount in excess of a full fortnightly disbursement, the University may recover the overpayment by withholding future award payments at the same rate that the award was overpaid or, if the awardee is no longer enrolled, the University may recover the payment in line with standard debt collection practices.*

XIV. *If an awardee is overpaid an amount in excess of a full fortnightly disbursement after they are no longer eligible for the Scholarship, the University may recover the overpayment in line with standard debt collection practices.*

XV. *Any publications arising from work done by the recipient during the tenure of the scholarship shall acknowledge the assistance given by the Margaret Burland Doctoral Scholarship.*