

# Margaret Burland Doctoral Scholarship

<b>Code:</b>	712
<b>Faculty:</b>	Medical and Health Sciences
<b>Applicable study:</b>	Doctoral students in the Faculty of Medical and Health Sciences
<b>Closing date:</b>	TBC
<b>Tenure:</b>	Up to three years
<b>For:</b>	Financial Assistance
<b>Number on offer:</b>	One
<b>Offer rate:</b>	Once every three years
<b>Value:</b>	Up to \$28,000 pa

## 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 enrolled in the Faculty of Medical and Health Sciences who has demonstrated financial need.

## 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 Margaret Burland Doctoral Scholarship.
2. One Scholarship will normally be awarded once every three years (or more or less often depending on funds available), for a period of up to three years, and will provide a tax-free stipend of up to \$28,000 per annum. Part-time scholars shall be paid pro-rata for up to 72 months.
3. The Scholarship may be awarded to doctoral candidates who have paid the fees, or arranged to pay the fees, for full-time enrolment in the degree of Doctor of Philosophy, Doctor of Medicine or the research component of another approved doctorate in the Faculty of Medical and Health Sciences. The Scholarship may also be available to students for whom socially compelling reasons make part-time enrolment preferable (see Note II).
4. The Scholarship is tenable by domestic or international students.
5. The basis of selection will be academic merit, the quality of the research proposal or project, the candidate's financial situation 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. Where a qualifying programme with a grade point average (GPA) or grade point equivalent (GPE) is the basis of entry to the PhD, a candidate must have a GPA/GPE of at least

- 7.00 (6.50 for Māori or Pacific candidates) in that programme to be eligible for scholarship consideration. Where a qualifying programme is entirely pass/fail, the University may generate a GPA only where the programme consists entirely of a thesis (see Note III).
6. 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 Medical and Health Sciences (or nominee), and two members of the Faculty of Medical and Health Sciences' Postgraduate Studies Committee.
  7. The Scholarship will provide support for up to 36 months of study and payments will commence from the doctoral registration date or the date nominated by the Selection Committee and approved by the Scholarships Committee. A further six months of scholarship funding may be available, subject to Scholarships Committee approval. These durations shall be pro-rated for part-time scholarship recipients (see Notes II and IV).
  8. The Scholarship may be held concurrently with any other scholarship, award or grant as long as a) the terms of that scholarship, award or grant permit and b) the University of Auckland Council is informed and approves.
  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 (see Note IV).
  10. A Scholarship may be terminated or suspended by the University of Auckland Council should it receive a report from the Associate Dean (Postgraduate) of the Faculty of Medical and Health Sciences that a candidate's academic progress is unsatisfactory.
  11. The University of Auckland Council is not obliged to make an award if in any year there is no candidate of sufficient merit.
  12. The University of Auckland Council has the power to amend or vary these Regulations provided that there is no departure from the main purpose of the Scholarship.
  13. Applications close with the Scholarships Office on TBC in the year of the award.
  14. Notes [I]-[VI] below are deemed to be regulations.

## Notes

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- I. 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.*
- II. Recipients of a Margaret Burland Doctoral Scholarship are normally required to be enrolled on a full-time basis. However, students for whom socially compelling reasons make part-time enrolment preferable may apply to hold the Scholarship on a part-time basis pro-rated. Socially compelling reasons could include a) carer responsibilities for: pre-school and/or school-aged children; an invalid or disabled partner, child or parent; or b) medical condition(s), impairment(s) or disabilities. Applicants will not be granted permission to hold a Margaret Burland Doctoral Scholarship on a part-time basis if they wish to undertake full-time paid employment or substantial part-time employment. Students who hold the 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 Note IV) 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. Where the qualifying programme is an undergraduate honours degree (or equivalent undergraduate degree or integrated undergraduate and postgraduate degree), the GPA or 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. Paid work that is required as part of an approved doctoral programme (such as an internship for some named doctorates) or that is taken as part of an approved University of Auckland Internship, is not counted towards the 500 hours of additional and paid work that a Scholar may undertake while in receipt of a scholarship.*
- V. Recipients of a Margaret Burland Doctoral Scholarship will be required to give undertakings that they will comply with the regulations for the Scholarship and will notify the Scholarships Office of any change in their enrolment, employment or funding status. The University of Auckland may, in the event that it can be established that a recipient of a Margaret Burland Doctoral Scholarship is not complying with these regulations, terminate the*

*Scholarship and require repayment of the funds received from the date of the breach.*

*VI. Payments under the terms of this Scholarship remain tax-free as long as they are used directly for the payment of costs associated with an awardee's programme of study. Failure to comply with this regulation will result in the termination of the Scholarship.*