

Mark Barrow Education and Social Practice Scholarship

Code:	1091
Faculty:	Arts and Education
Applicable study:	Masters thesis
Closing date:	15 July 2026
Tenure:	One semester
For:	Assistance with study
Number on offer:	One
Offer rate:	Annually
Value:	\$5,000

Description

The Scholarship was established in 2020 and is funded by Mark Barrow, Dean of the Faculty of Education and Social Work from 2018 to 2024.

The intention of the Scholarship is to support a student to undertake a master's thesis or research portfolio in the Faculty of Arts and Education at Waipapa Taumata Rau, University of Auckland that aims to make a positive contribution towards addressing an issue or issues related to social or educational inequality.

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 Mark Barrow Education and Social Practice Scholarship.
2. One Scholarship will be awarded annually, for a period of up to one semester and will be of the value of \$5,000. Payments to part-time students will be pro-rated.
3. To be eligible for Scholarship consideration, an applicant must be i) enrolled, or enrolling, full-time or part-time in a masters thesis or research portfolio with a points value of at least 60 points in the Faculty of Arts and Education at Waipapa Taumata Rau, University of Auckland, and ii) undertaking, or planning to undertake, research addressing an issue or issues about social or educational inequality relating to Māori, Pacific peoples, people with disabilities, members of the LGBTIQ Takatapu+ community, people from refugee backgrounds or from low-socio economic groups, and where students are first in their family to attend university. Students who are enrolled in a masters programme of more than 120 points must be enrolled in the thesis or research portfolio component at the time of take-up of the Scholarship to be eligible for consideration. A grade point average (GPA) or grade point equivalent (GPE) of at least 6.00 (5.50 for Māori and Pacific candidates) in the most recent qualifying programme is required for Scholarship consideration (see Note II).

4. The Scholarship is tenable by a domestic or international student.
5. The basis of selection will be academic achievement as assessed by the GPA/GPE calculated over the most recent qualifying programme (see Note II), the quality and nature of the proposed research, how the research will address social or educational inequality for a least one of the groups listed in Regulation 3, as assessed by a personal statement.
6. The Scholarship will be awarded by the University of Auckland Council on the recommendation of a Selection Committee comprising the Discipline Director for Māori and Indigenous Education (or nominee), the Discipline Director for Counselling, Human Services and Social Work (or nominee) and one representative of the donor.
7. Payment will be made in one instalment in Semester Two (see Note III), 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). Payments to part-time students will be pro-rated.
8. To be paid the Scholarship, the awardee must be enrolled in a masters thesis or research portfolio with a points value of at least 60 points component in the Faculty of Arts and Education.
9. The Mark Barrow Education and Social Practice 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.
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. 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 donor, provided that there is no departure from the main purpose of the Scholarship.
13. Applications close with the Scholarships Office on 15 July in the year of award.
14. Notes [I] – [IV] 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. The most recent qualifying programme is defined as the most recently completed programme of study that qualifies the applicant for entry to the research masters 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.*
- III. Awardees enrolled in a 60 point thesis or research portfolio may be paid in either Semester Two in the year of the award or Semester One in the following year.*
- IV. 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.*