

Maurice and Phyllis Paykel Trust PhD Research Travel Award

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| Code: | 962 |
| Faculty: | All |
| Applicable study: | Final year of PhD |
| Closing date: | 28 August 2025 |
| Tenure: | One year |
| For: | Assistance |
| Number on offer: | Varies |
| Offer rate: | Annually |
| Value: | Up to \$15,000 in total |

Description

The Maurice and Phyllis Paykel Trust PhD Research Travel Award was established in 2018. They aim to support final year PhD students studying at Waipapa Taumata Rau, University of Auckland with costs of travel for research in a medical-related field. This is primarily for travel to scientific meetings but could also include a visit to a research collaborator or research centre.

Selection process

- Application is made to the Scholarships Office
- A Selection Committee assesses the applications
- The Award is made by the University of Auckland Council on the recommendation of the Selection Committee

Regulations

1. The Award shall be known as the Maurice and Phyllis Paykel Trust PhD Research Travel Award.
2. Awards will be made annually, up to a total value of \$15,000. The value of an individual Award will be determined by the level of funding available, the number of applications received and the cost of travel at the time of application. Each Award will have a minimum value of \$2,000.
3. To be eligible for consideration for this Award, an applicant must be i) a New Zealand Citizen or Permanent Resident of New Zealand (see Note II), ii) enrolled full-time in the final year of a degree of Doctor of Philosophy at Waipapa Taumata Rau, University of Auckland, iii) between 24 to 42 months full-time equivalent from their doctoral registration start date at the time of application, iv) have had their registration confirmed, and v) must meet all the requirements of these regulations.
4. The Award may be used to support the costs of research travel in a medical-related field (see Notes III and IV).
5. Proposed travel must include an oral or poster presentation of the applicant's PhD research at a national or international meeting (see Note IV). Inclusion of more than one conference/research visit during the proposed trip will be viewed favourably.

6. The basis of selection will be academic merit as assessed by the applicant's most recent academic record, the quality of the submitted abstract, the relevance and value of the travel to the applicant's research and/or career, and the applicant's previous opportunities to present quality work at national or international conferences as assessed by a personal statement. Matters that may be considered in relation to academic merit include, but are not limited to, academic record, standing of awarding institute, CV and research and publication record. Applicants will be required to declare their balance/remaining funds for travel in their PReSS accounts, and a budget for their intended travel.
7. The Award will be made 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 other Academic Staff members nominated by the Dean of the Faculty of Medical and Health Sciences.
8. Payment will be made in one lump sum on confirmation of travel booking (see Note III).
9. The Maurice and Phyllis Paykel Trust PhD Research Travel Award 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 Award.
10. Within three months of the completion of their travel, awardees must submit a report to the Faculty of Medical and Health Sciences and to the Trustees (see Note V).
11. 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.
12. Payments under the terms of this Award remain tax-free as long as they are used directly for the payment of costs associated with an awardee's programme of study and/or to assist the awardee with travel and living costs while studying (see Note I). Failure to comply with this regulation will result in the termination of the Award.
13. 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 Award.
14. Applications close with the Scholarships Office on 28 August in the year of the award.
15. Notes [I]-[VI] below are deemed to be regulations.

Notes

- I. The tax-free status of this Award 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. Travel that has already been undertaken is not eligible for this Award. The Award will not provide further funding if travel is disrupted. The awardee must notify the Scholarships Office if they are unable to undertake the original requested travel. Award funding may not be transferred to any other travel.*
- IV. Applicants will be asked to indicate i) if their abstract has been accepted for presentation, and, if so, ii) if it was accepted for a poster or oral presentation.*
- V. Reports should be submitted to healthresearch@auckland.ac.nz.*
- VI. Awardees will be required to comply with the regulations for this Award and must notify the Scholarships Office of any change in their enrolment, travel 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 Award and require repayment of the funds received.*