Murray Wren Doctoral Scholarship in Architecture

Code:	816
Faculty:	Creative Arts and Industries
Applicable study:	PhD in Architecture
Closing date:	27 September 2023
Tenure:	Up to 36 months
For:	Assistance with study
Number on offer:	One
Offer rate:	Every three to four years
Value:	Up to $33,000 pa in 2023 plus compulsory fees

Description

The Scholarship was established in 2015 and is funded by a bequest from Murray Wren, who was a lifelong professional architect and who qualified in Architecture at the University of Auckland.

The purpose of this Scholarship is to encourage and support students undertaking study in Architecture, especially where this funding would make a significant contribution to their financial needs.

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 shall be known as the Murray Wren Doctoral Scholarship in Architecture.
2. One Scholarship will be awarded every three to four years for a period of up to 36 months and will include a tax-free stipend of up to $33,000 per annum (see Note I), with an annual CPI adjustment to the stipend value, plus the Student Services Fee and compulsory tuition fees for a domestic or international student who is eligible to study under the domestic fees policy (see Notes II to III). The single student Health Insurance compulsory charge (as detailed on the tuition fees invoice) is also covered for the duration of the Scholarship for international students.
3. The Scholarship may be awarded for full-time study in a PhD in Architecture, in the Faculty of Creative Arts and Industries at Waipapa Taumata Rau, University of Auckland.
4. To be eligible for consideration, an applicant must be i) applying for admission to a PhD in Architecture in the Faculty of Creative Arts and Industries at Waipapa Taumata Rau, University of Auckland, ii) eligible to pay domestic fees (see Note III), and iii) intending to enrol full-time. Full-time candidates who have commenced a PhD programme in Architecture may also be considered for this Scholarship. Applicants who already hold a doctorate are not eligible for consideration for this Scholarship.
5. The basis of selection will be academic merit, the quality and nature of the proposed research topic and endorsement

by the host academic unit. Matters that may be considered in relation to academic merit include, but are not limited to, academic record, standing of awarding institution, academic references, CV, research and publication record.

6. The Scholarship will be awarded by the University of Auckland Council on the recommendation of a Selection Committee comprising the Head of the School of Architecture and Planning (or nominee), the Faculty Graduate Adviser (or nominee), and one other member of academic staff nominated by the Head of the School of Architecture and Planning.
7. Applicants who have been offered a Scholarship must meet all requirements of their Scholarship Offer to take up the Scholarship. No payments will be made until all requirements have been met (see Note IV).
8. The Scholarship must be taken up by one of the dates prescribed in the letter of award, otherwise the Scholarship offer will be forfeited (see Notes IV and V).
9. Scholarship payments will commence on the initial date of enrolment in the doctoral programme, or from the date nominated by the Selection Committee and approved by Scholarships Committee in the case of students who have already commenced their programme, and will provide support for up to 36 months. A further six months scholarship funding, subject to Selection Committee approval, may be available (see Note VI).
10. Subject to Regulation 9, the Scholarship shall be tenable until the date of submission or 48 months of active enrolment from the registration date, whichever is the earlier.
11. Awardees may apply to suspend their Scholarship for up to 12 months in total during the tenure of their award (see Notes VII and VIII).
12. To comply with the full-time study requirement in Regulation 3, 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 scholarship year (see Note IX).
13. 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 Murray Wren Doctoral Scholarship in Architecture offer, whichever is later (see Note X).
14. 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.
15. 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 Head of the School of Architecture and Planning.
16. 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.
17. The University of Auckland Council can amend or vary these Regulations provided that there is no departure from the main purpose of the Scholarship.
18. Applications close with the Scholarships office on 27 September in the year preceding the award.
19. Notes [I]-[XIV] 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. Compulsory fees are only those related to the relevant Doctoral study.

III. 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.

IV. To take up the Scholarship means to commence doctoral enrolment and the tenure of the scholarship.

V. PhD enrolment must commence on either on or by 1 March for domestic candidates or international candidates with a domestic programme, or on or by 1 June for international candidates with an international qualifying programme.

VI. Applications for a six-month extension must be made in writing to the Scholarships Office when the awardee has

completed 33 months of scholarship tenure.

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

VIII. *In exceptional circumstances Scholarships Committee may approve a suspension of this Scholarship beyond the suspension periods stated in Regulation 11 and Note VI.*

IX. *Paid work that is part of an approved doctoral programme or that is undertaken as part of an approved University of Auckland Internship is not counted towards the 750 hours of additional and paid work that a Scholar may undertake while in receipt of a scholarship.*

X. *The Murray Wren Doctoral Scholarship in Architecture 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 XI, awardees must notify the Scholarships Office of any change in their funding status.*

XI. *Where co-tenure is approved, the combined stipend may not exceed 150% of the Murray Wren Doctoral Scholarship in Architecture 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 any impact on the Murray Wren Doctoral Scholarship in Architecture stipend.*

XII. *Awardees will be required to comply with the regulations for this 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 an awardee is not complying with these regulations, terminate the Scholarship and require repayment of the funds received from the date of the breach.*

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 overpayment 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.*