

# Myra and Eric McCormick Scholarship in History

**Code:** 198

Faculty: Arts and Education

Applicable study: PhD in the History of Aotearoa New Zealand

Closing date: 27 November 2025

Tenure: One year

For: Assistance with study

Number on offer: One or more Offer rate: Annually

Value: Up to \$25,000 in total

#### **Description**

Funds for this Scholarship derive from the estate of the late Dr E H McCormick who established a close and mutually valued connection with the Department of History.

The main purpose of the Scholarship is to encourage and support a PhD student enrolled in the Faculty of Arts at Waipapa Taumata Rau, University of Auckland who is undertaking research in the History of Aotearoa New Zealand.

### 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 Myra and Eric McCormick Scholarship in History.
- One or more Scholarships will be awarded annually for a period of up to one year up to a total value of \$25,000.
  Awardees may reapply for the Scholarship in subsequent years. Payment to part-time awardees will be pro-rated.
- 3. To be eligible for Scholarship consideration, an applicant must be i) a New Zealand Citizen or Permanent Resident (see Note II), ii) enrolled full-time or part-time in a Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) in the Faculty of Arts at Waipapa Taumata Rau, University of Auckland, and iii) undertaking research related to the History of Aotearoa New Zealand.
- 4. The basis of selection will be academic merit and the quality, nature and relevance of the research. Matters that may be considered in relation to academic merit include, but are not limited to, academic record (see Note III), standing of awarding institution, academic references, CV and research and publication record.
- 5. 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 Arts (or nominee), the Major/Specialisation Leader of History (or nominee) and another academic staff member from History. At least one member of the Committee will be expected have expertise in the history of Aotearoa New Zealand.
- 6. To be paid the Scholarship, awardees must be i) enrolled full-time or part-time in a PhD in the Faculty of Arts, and ii)

- undertaking research related to the history of Aotearoa New Zealand.
- 7. The Scholarship will be paid as a fortnightly stipend.
- 8. The Scholarship 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 Scholarship.
- 9. 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.
- 10. 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) of the Faculty of Arts.
- 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 Faculty of Arts, provided that there is no departure from the main purpose of the Scholarship.
- 13. Applications close with the Scholarships Office on 27 November in the year preceding the 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. 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. For the purposes of this Scholarship, the applicant's academic record will be assessed as the qualifying programme grade point average (GPA) or grade point equivalent (GPE) for the PhD. To be deemed a qualifying programme for the purposes of scholarship consideration, an individual programme must satisfy Regulation 13a and b of the PhD Statute. Where a qualifying programme is entirely pass/fail, the University may generate a GPA only where the programme consists entirely of a thesis. Where the qualifying programme is an undergraduate honours degree (or equivalent undergraduate degree or integrated undergraduate and postgraduate degree), the GPA/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. 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 required repayment of the funds received from the date of the breach.