

# Nicholas Tarling Southeast Asian Studies Masters Award

<b>Code:</b>	1098
<b>Faculty:</b>	Arts and Education Business and Economics Science
<b>Applicable study:</b>	Masters study related to South East Asian region
<b>Closing date:</b>	25 November 2026
<b>Tenure:</b>	One year
<b>For:</b>	Assistance with study
<b>Number on offer:</b>	Up to two
<b>Offer rate:</b>	Annually
<b>Value:</b>	Up to \$6,000 in total

## Description

The Award was established in 2020 and is funded by the Nicholas Tarling Charitable Trust, in memory of Emeritus Professor Nicholas Tarling.

The intention of the Award is to encourage and support students to undertake masters study at Waipapa Taumata Rau, University of Auckland in areas relating to the goals of the Nicholas Tarling Charitable Trust to advance research, knowledge and understanding of the Southeast Asian region.

## 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 will be known as the Nicholas Tarling Southeast Asian Studies Masters Award.
2. Up to two Awards will be made annually, for a period of up to one year up to a total value of \$6,000. Awardees may reapply in a subsequent year. Payments and tenure will be pro-rated for part-time students (see Note II).
3. To be eligible for consideration for the Award, an applicant must be enrolled, or enrolling, full-time or part-time at Waipapa Taumata Rau, University of Auckland in a Master of Arts, Master of Conflict and Terrorism Studies, Master of Global Studies, Master of Public Policy, Master of Commerce or Master of Science that includes a dissertation, thesis or research portfolio of at least 45 points where the research will advance knowledge of the Southeast Asian region.
4. The Award is tenable by domestic or international students.
5. The basis of selection will be academic merit as assessed by the grade point average (GPA) or grade point equivalent (GPE) calculated over the most recent qualifying programme (see Note III), the quality and nature of the

applicant's research proposal, and the applicant's financial circumstances and potential for future growth in the field of Southeast Asian Studies as assessed by a personal statement.

6. The Award will be made by the University of Auckland Council on the recommendation of a Selection Committee comprising the Director of the New Zealand Asia Institute (or nominee), the Director of the Southeast Asia Studies Centre (or nominee), and the Chair of the Nicholas Tarling Trust (or nominee).
7. The Award will be paid in one instalment on acceptance of the offer and satisfaction of Regulation 8. Payments and tenure will be pro-rated for part-time students (see Note II).
8. To be paid the Award, awardees must be enrolled full-time or part-time in a Master of Arts, Master of Conflict and Terrorism Studies, Master of Global Studies, Master of Public Policy, Master of Commerce or Master of Science that includes a dissertation, thesis or research portfolio of at least 45 points where the research will advance knowledge of the Southeast Asian region.
9. The Award may be held with any other scholarship, award or grant where the Regulations for that 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 Award.
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 Award 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 Award.
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 Award.
13. Applications close with the Scholarships Office on 25 November in the year preceding the award.
14. Notes [I] – [IV] below are deemed to be Regulations.

## Notes

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- I. The tax-free status of this Award is under current legislation. The University of Auckland cannot guarantee this tax-free outcome.*
- II. Students enrolling in the final semester of a masters degree may be considered for an Award with a maximum value of \$3,000, which will be paid in one instalment.*
- III. The most recent qualifying programme is defined as the most recently completed programme of study that qualifies the applicant for entry to the 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.*
- IV. Awardees will be required to comply with the regulations for the Award 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 Award and require repayment of the funds received.*