Norman Thom Award

Code:	246
Faculty:	Science
Applicable study:	Masters thesis in the School of Environment
Closing date:	1 August 2024
Tenure:	One year
For:	Assistance with study
Number on offer:	One
Offer rate:	Annually
Value:	$2,000

Description

The Award was established in 1995 and is financed from the investment of funds which were made available by Mr Norm Thom, one of the foundation staff members of Environmental Science at the University of Auckland, for this purpose.

The purpose of the Award is to provide assistance to a suitable masters student undertaking research in the School of Environment.

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 Award will be known as the Norman Thom Award.
2. One Award will be made annually for a period of up to one year and will be of the value of $2,000 (see Note II).
3. To be eligible for Award consideration, an applicant must be enrolled full-time in a masters thesis in the School of Environment. Students enrolled in a 180 point or 240 point research masters must be enrolled in the thesis component at the time of take-up of the Award to be eligible for consideration.
4. The Award is tenable by domestic and international students.
5. The basis of selection will be academic achievement (see Note III), and the quality and nature of the applicant's research proposal.
6. The Award will be made by the University of Auckland Council upon the recommendation of a Selection Committee consisting of the Head of the School of Environment (or nominee) and two members of academic staff from the School of Environment.
7. Payment will be made in one instalment upon award or in the first semester of enrolment in the masters thesis in the School of Environment, whichever is the later date.
8. To be paid the Award, the awardee must be enrolled full-time in a masters thesis in the School of Environment.

9. The 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. 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 provided that there is no departure from the main purpose of the Award.
13. Applications close with the Scholarships Office on 1 August in the year of the award.
14. Notes [I]-[IV] 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. If the Award is made for the purpose of obtaining reference material and/or equipment, such material or equipment will become the property of the School of Environment.

III. For the purposes of this Award, academic merit is assessed as a Scholarships grade point average (GPA) or grade point equivalent (GPE) obtained over the most recent two years of full-time graded study (or equivalent).

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 Scholarship and require repayment of the funds received.