# Peter Kraus Masters Scholarship in Philosophy

**Code:** 909
**Faculty:** Arts and Education
**Applicable study:** MA research in Philosophy
**Closing date:** 8 April 2026
**Tenure:** One year
**For:** Assistance with study
**Number on offer:** Up to Two
**Offer rate:** Annually
**Value:** Up to $12,500 each

## Description

The Scholarship was established in 2016 and is funded by Peter Kraus.

The main purpose of the Scholarship is to support students enrolled the research year of a Master of Arts degree in Philosophy.

## Selection process

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

## Regulations

1. The Scholarship will be known as the Peter Kraus Masters Scholarship in Philosophy.
2. Up to two Scholarships will be awarded annually, for a period of one year, and will be of the value of up to $12,500 each.
3. To be eligible for Scholarship consideration, an applicant must be i) a New Zealand Citizen or Permanent Resident (see Note II), ii) enrolled, or enrolling, in a thesis, a research portfolio, or a dissertation with a points value of at least 45 points in a Master of Arts (MA) in the Faculty of Arts and Education at Waipapa Taumata Rau, University of Auckland, and iii) intending to conduct research in the general area of Philosophy, or researching a topic in either Māori or Asian philosophy. A grade point average (GPA) or grade point equivalent (GPE) of at least 6.00 (5.50 for Māori and Pacific applicants) is required for Scholarship consideration (see Note III).
4. The basis of selection will be academic merit as assessed by the GPA/GPE calculated over the most recent qualifying programme (see Note III), and the quality and nature of the proposed research. The following criterion may also inform selection: the donor's interest in supporting the study of i) Māori philosophy or ii) Asian philosophy.
5. The Scholarship will be awarded by the University of Auckland Council on the recommendation of a Selection Committee comprising the Deputy Head (Academic) of the School of Humanities (or nominee), the

Major/Specialisation Leader of Philosophy (or nominee) and another member of Academic Staff from Philosophy nominated by the Major/Specialisation Leader.

6. To be paid the Scholarship, awardees must be enrolled in a thesis, research portfolio, or dissertation with a points value of at least 45 points in an MA.
7. The Scholarship will be paid in one instalment in Semester Two, as soon as is practical after confirmation of the awardee's enrolment (that is, after the final date on which a student may add or delete courses without incurring a late enrolment fee).
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. 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.
11. 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 Scholarship.
12. Applications close with the Scholarships Office on 8 April in the year of the award.
13. Notes [I]-[V] 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. The most recent qualifying programme is defined as the most recently completed programme of study that qualifies the applicant for entry to the postgraduate 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. In making a recommendation for this scholarship the selection committee shall take into account other scholarships, bursaries and awards held by the candidates, with a view to achieving a fair distribution of monies among qualifying candidates.*

*V. Awardees will be required to comply with the regulations for the 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 it can be established that an awardee is not complying with these regulations, terminate the Scholarship and require repayment of the funds received.*