

PMA Knowledge Hub Summer Research Scholarship

Code:	1175
Faculty:	Medical and Health Sciences
Applicable study:	SUMRESCH 301
Closing date:	31 July 2025
Tenure:	Duration of project 400 hours (approximately 10 weeks)
For:	Assistance
Number on offer:	Up to three
Offer rate:	Annually
Value:	\$6,750 paid as a fortnightly stipend

Description

The Scholarship was established in 2023 and is funded by the Pasifika Medical Association (PMA) and supported by the Office of the Associate Dean Pacific, the Faculty of Medical and Health Sciences, to support Pacific students and research that seeks to improve Pacific peoples' health and social wellbeing outcomes.

The main purpose of the Scholarship is to give international and domestic Pacific students currently enrolled at a New Zealand university an opportunity to experience research, and to thereby encourage them to pursue postgraduate study at Waipapa Taumata Rau, University of Auckland.

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 PMA Knowledge Hub Summer Research Scholarship.
2. Up to three Scholarships will be awarded annually and will be of the value of \$6,750, paid as a fortnightly stipend. The Scholarship is payable within the period of November to February inclusive.
3. All applicants are required to apply for admission to the Summer Research Scholarships programme. Awardees will be enrolled in the Summer Research course, SUMRESCH 301, and are expected to conduct a research project of approximately 10 weeks duration (400 hours) under the supervision of an academic staff member (See Notes II and III). Actual starting and finishing dates must be agreed by the supervisor.
4. To be eligible for Scholarship consideration, applicants must i) be a Pacific student (see Note IV), ii) must be enrolled in an undergraduate degree, undergraduate or postgraduate honours degree or Postgraduate Diploma at a New Zealand university, and iii) have completed at least two years of equivalent full-time study in an undergraduate degree at the time of take-up of the Scholarship. A Scholarships grade point average (GPA) of at least 5.00 in the applicant's two most recent years of full-time study (or equivalent) is required for Scholarship consideration (see Note

VII).

5. The Scholarship is tenable by domestic and international Pacific students (see Notes IV to VI).
6. The basis for selection will be academic merit measured by Scholarship GPA/GPE (see Note VII), University strategic recruitment priorities, applicant interest in further study and the alignment of the applicant's academic and/or professional profile with the proposed research topic. In order to assess applications, supporting documentation (as detailed in any guidelines and application forms), including but not limited to CV, personal and/or project statement, and writing sample may be requested.
7. The Scholarship will be awarded by the University of Auckland Council on the recommendation of a Selection Committee comprising the Associate Dean Pacific of the Faculty of Medical and Health Sciences (or nominee), one member of Academic Staff from the Faculty of Medical and Health Sciences nominated by the Associate Dean Pacific, and one representative of the PMA.
8. The University reserves the right to consider applicants for topics other than those nominated by the student. In all cases, only one scholarship may be awarded per student.
9. To be paid the Scholarship, awardees must not a) be seeking employment as a tutor, graduate teaching assistant or teaching assistant during Summer School or be in paid employment inside the University during the tenure of their Summer Research Scholarship, or b) have commenced a masters or doctoral programme, or a taught postgraduate programme (other than those permitted under Regulation 4), by the start date of the Summer Research Scholarship, or c) commence a masters or doctoral programme, or a taught postgraduate programme (other than those permitted under Regulation 4), during the tenure of the scholarship or d) be completing a dissertation, thesis, or research project on an extension.
10. Awardees may undertake up to 100 hours paid work external to the University over the duration of the Scholarship (i.e. up to 10 hours per week), subject to the approval of the project supervisor.
11. Awardees will be required to observe the research plan and frequency of meetings as agreed with their supervisor(s) at the start of the project; failure to do so will result in forfeiture of this Scholarship (see Note XI).
12. 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.
13. Payments under the terms of this Scholarship remain tax-free as long as they are used directly for the payment of costs associated with an awardee's programme of study and/or to assist the awardee with living costs while undertaking their Summer Research Scholarship project (see Note I). Failure to comply with this regulation will result in the termination of the Scholarship.
14. The University of Auckland Council can amend or vary these regulations provided that there is no departure from the main purpose of the Scholarship.
15. Applications close with the Scholarships Office on 31 July in the year of the award.
16. Notes [I]-[XI] 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. *Research carried out for the Summer Research Scholarship course cannot be used in any subsequent programme in which the student enrolls.*
- III. *A student may enrol in a maximum of 15 points in Summer School during the tenure of this scholarship. SUMRESCH 301 is a not-for-credit course and therefore does not require the payment of any tuition fee.*
- IV. *Pacific students must be of indigenous Pacific descent from any of the following islands: Samoa, American Samoa, Tonga, Cook Islands, Niue, Tokelau, Fiji (iTaukei), Rotuma, Solomon Islands, Vanuatu, New Caledonia, Papua New Guinea, Kiribati, Tuvalu, Palau, Marshall Islands, Federated States of Micronesia, Wallis and Futuna, Hawaii, French Polynesia, Rapanui (Easter Island), Pitcairn Islands, Nauru, Guam, Northern Mariana Islands.*
- V. *International students are students who are neither citizens, permanent residents nor resident visa holders of New Zealand or Australia.*

- VI. *In order to take up the Scholarship, international students must have a student visa for the duration of the Scholarship.*
- VII. *The Scholarship GPA/GPE (SGPA/GPE) calculation will take into account all courses studied in the most recent two years of full-time study (or equivalent), including conjoint courses. Exchange study (within a New Zealand university degree) that has been undertaken at an overseas institution will be excluded, provided it does not exceed one semester. Where a semester of exchange is excluded from the calculation, the SGPA/GPE will be calculated on the most recent four full-time semesters (or equivalent) of study at a New Zealand institution.*
- VIII. *Awardees are required to submit a report at the end of the project. This report, written in project working time, must be the work of the student, should follow the faculty report guidelines, and must be submitted by the deadline specified by the faculty. The language must be aimed at a general reader who is unlikely to be familiar with the terminology used in specialist academic units.*
- IX. *The list of Summer Research topics can be found on the University of Auckland Summer Research Scholarships webpages at www.summer.ac.nz.*
- X. *Responsibility for any costs incurred in the course of the research project must be clarified with the supervisor and academic unit at the time of acceptance of the Scholarship.*
- XI. *Awardees will be required to comply with the regulations for the Scholarship and must notify the Scholarships Office of any change in their enrolment 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 from the date of the breach.*