

Professor Brian Coote Memorial Scholarship

Code:	1110
Faculty:	Law
Applicable study:	PhD in Law
Closing date:	By nomination
Tenure:	Up to 36 months
For:	Assistance with study
Number on offer:	Two
Offer rate:	Annually
Value:	Up to \$33,825 pa in 2024 plus compulsory fees and international health insurance (if required)

Description

The Scholarship was established in 2021 and is funded by a significant bequest left to the Auckland Law School by the late Professor Coote.

The main purpose of the Scholarship is to enable doctoral study in law for exceptional students who, like Professor Coote, can demonstrate a passion and commitment to the study of law.

Selection process

- Nomination is made to the Scholarships Office
- 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 Professor Brian Coote Memorial Scholarship.
2. Up to two Scholarships will be awarded annually, for a period of up to 36 months and will comprise a stipend of up to \$33,825 per annum in 2024 plus compulsory fees for all domestic and international students who are eligible to study under the domestic fees policy, and compulsory international student health insurance, where applicable (see Notes II and III). Part-time students will be paid pro-rata for up to 72 months (see Note V).
3. To be eligible for Scholarship consideration, a candidate must i) be applying for admission to undertake their first doctorate, a PhD in the Faculty of Law at Waipapa Taumata Rau, University of Auckland, and ii) meet all the requirements of Regulation 4.
4. The Scholarship is tenable by full-time domestic and international students who are eligible to pay domestic fees (see Note III). The Scholarship may also be available to domestic students for whom socially compelling reasons make part-time enrolment preferable (see Note V).
5. The basis of selection will be academic merit and the quality and nature of the research proposal. Matters that may be considered in relation to academic merit include, but are not limited to, academic record, standing of awarding institution, academic references, CV, research and publication record (see Note IV).

6. The Scholarship will be awarded by the University of Auckland Council on the recommendation of a Selection Committee comprising the Dean of Graduate Studies (or nominee), the Dean of the Faculty of Law (or nominee), the Associate Dean (Postgraduate Research) of the Faculty of Law (or nominee), and the Doctoral Admissions Director of the Faculty of Law (or nominee), with the endorsement the Coote bequest committee.
7. Domestic students and international students with a New Zealand qualifying programme will be required to enrol within three months of the date of their unconditional programme offer, and international students with an overseas qualifying programme will be required to enrol within six months of the date of their unconditional programme offer, otherwise the scholarship offer will lapse. Awardees must also meet all requirements of their admission and scholarship offer before any payments will be made.
8. The Scholarship will provide support for up to 36 months of study and payments will commence from the doctoral enrolment date. A further six months of scholarship funding, subject to Scholarship Committee approval, may be available. These durations shall be pro-rated for part-time scholarship awardees (see Note V).
9. Awardees may apply to suspend their Scholarship for up to 12 months in total during the tenure of their award (see Notes VI to VII).
10. The amount of additional and paid work a Scholar may undertake either inside or outside the University shall not exceed a total of 750 hours per scholarship year (see Note VIII).
11. The Scholarship may not be held concurrently with any scholarship funded by Waipapa Taumata Rau, University of Auckland (including scholarships funded by faculties, LSRIIs and URCs) or with any postgraduate scholarship or grant awarded by the Universities New Zealand Scholarships Committee, or by a foreign government or agency. However, it may be held with any other study 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 and grant funding received and for which the awardee receives payment while also in payment for this Scholarship.
12. Where co-tenure is approved, the combined stipend may not exceed 175% of the Professor Brian Coote Memorial Scholarship stipend. For the avoidance of doubt, support that is not for the purposes of living costs is excluded from this calculation. For example, a grant to cover research costs or professional development would not have any impact on the Professor Brian Coote Scholarship stipend.
13. The University of Auckland Council, in consultation with the donor, has the power to terminate or suspend a Scholarship if it receives a report of unsatisfactory progress of a Scholar from the Associate Dean (Postgraduate Research) of the Faculty of Law.
14. The University of Auckland Council is not obliged to make an award if it is determined there are no candidates that meet the criteria and/or no candidates of sufficient merit.
15. The University of Auckland Council can amend or vary these Regulations, provided that there is no departure from the main purpose of the Scholarship.
16. Notes [I] – [X] 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. *Compulsory fees are those only related to the relevant Doctoral study, plus Student Services Fee. In addition, for international students, the single student Health Insurance compulsory charge (as detailed on the tuition fees invoice) is covered by the Scholarship for the duration of the scholarship.*
- III. *To be eligible to pay domestic PhD fees, recipients who are permanent residents of New Zealand or Australia, Australian citizens or international students may only be resident outside of New Zealand for a maximum total of twelve months over the period of their enrolment in their doctoral degree and only for the purposes of conducting research.*
- IV. *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 or the equivalent admission regulations for the relevant named*

- doctorate respectively. Where the qualifying programme is an undergraduate honours degree (or equivalent undergraduate degree or integrated undergraduate and postgraduate degree), the grade point average or equivalent will be calculated over the final two years of full-time study (or equivalent) in the programme. In all other cases, the grade point average or equivalent will be calculated over the entirety of the qualifying programme.
- V. Awardees are normally required to be enrolled on a full-time basis. Full-time is defined as 40 hours of doctoral work per week for 47 weeks a year. However, domestic candidates for whom compassionate and compelling circumstances make part-time enrolment preferable may apply to the Scholarships Committee, through the Scholarships Office, to hold a scholarship on a part-time basis, pro-rated. Compassionate and compelling circumstances mean circumstances that are generally beyond the candidate's control and have an impact on their ability to study full-time. For example: serious illness or injury, pregnancy or childbirth, care responsibilities for whanau, and traumatic experiences. Part-time is defined as 20 hours per week of doctoral work. Candidates will not be granted permission to hold a Professor Brian Coote Memorial Scholarship on a part-time basis if they are undertaking full-time paid employment or substantial part-time employment. Candidates who hold a scholarship on a part-time basis are subject to the same employment restrictions as full-time scholarship holders (i.e. 750 hours per 12-month period) and are required to change to full-time enrolment if a change in their circumstances means they no longer qualify to hold the scholarship on a part-time basis.
- VI. An additional 12-month parental-leave suspension may be considered where the holder becomes a parent during their tenure of the Scholarship.
- VII. In exceptional circumstances Scholarships Committee may approve a suspension of this Scholarship beyond the suspension periods stated in Regulation 9 and Note VI. Applications must be made in writing to Scholarships Office.
- VIII. Paid work that is undertaken as part of an approved University of Auckland Internship, is not counted towards the 750 hours of additional and paid work that a Scholar may undertake while in receipt of a scholarship.
- IX. 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. Failure to comply with this regulation will result in the termination of the Scholarship.
- X. 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 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.