

Rotary Club of Newmarket 75th Anniversary Hauraki Gulf Environment Postgraduate Award

Code:	1125
Faculty:	All
Applicable study:	Masters or PhD research related to the natural environment of the Hauraki Gulf
Closing date:	5 March 2025
Tenure:	One year
For:	Assistance with study
Number on offer:	One
Offer rate:	Annually
Value:	Up to \$14,000

Description

The Award was established in 2020, and is funded by the Rotary Club of Newmarket (Inc), who have made the award since 2008 in recognition of the pioneering work of Bob Stewart and the work he had done supporting the Club's work in restoring the natural environment of the Hauraki Gulf, its islands and environs, and to commemorate the 75th anniversary of the charter of the Rotary Club of Newmarket on the 20th of August 1945.

The intention of the Award is to encourage and support postgraduate students at Waipapa Taumata Rau, University of Auckland undertaking masters or PhD level research that has the potential to improve the natural environment of the Hauraki Gulf, its islands and environs.

Selection process

- Application is made to the Scholarships Office
- A Selection Committee assesses and short-lists the applications
- Short-listed applicants will be required to attend an interview
- 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 Rotary Club of Newmarket 75th Anniversary Hauraki Gulf Environment Postgraduate Award.
2. One Award will be made annually, for a period of up to one year and will be of the value of up to \$14,000. Awardees may apply again in subsequent years.
3. To be eligible for consideration, an applicant must be i) a New Zealand Citizen or Permanent Resident (see Note II), ii) enrolled or enrolling full-time at Waipapa Taumata Rau, University of Auckland in a masters thesis or research portfolio of at least 90 points or a PhD, undertaking research that has the potential to improve the natural environment of the Hauraki Gulf. Masters students may only apply in the year in which they commence the research

component of their programme.

4. The Award may be used to support research expenses, including field work costs, equipment charges and lab consumables (see Regulation 12 and Note V).
5. The basis of selection will be i) academic merit as assessed by the grade point average (GPA) or grade point equivalent (GPE) calculated over the most recent qualifying programme (see Notes III to IV), ii) the quality of a personal statement detailing how the research has the potential to improve the natural environment of the Hauraki Gulf, the applicant's career aspirations and how receiving the Award could assist the applicant's research (see Note V), iii) a CV, and iv) performance in an interview with the Selection Committee.
6. The short-listing of applications will be undertaken by a Preliminary Selection Committee comprising the Faculty of Science's Associate Dean (Postgraduate Research) (or nominee) and the Head of the Institute of Marine Science (or nominee). Short-listed applicants will be required to attend an interview.
7. The award is made by the University of Auckland Council on the recommendation of a Selection Committee comprising the Dean of the Faculty of Science (or nominee), an academic staff member from the Institute of Marine Science nominated by the Dean, and a representative of Rotary Club of Newmarket.
8. Payment will be made in one lump sum upon award and satisfaction of Regulation 9.
9. To be paid the Award, the awardee must be i) enrolled in a masters thesis or research portfolio of at least 90 points or a PhD and ii) undertaking research that has the potential to improve the natural environment of the Hauraki Gulf.
10. The Rotary Club of Newmarket 75th Anniversary Hauraki Gulf Environment Postgraduate 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 Scholarship.
11. 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.
12. 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 pre-approved research costs while studying (see Note I). Failure to comply with this regulation will result in the termination of the Award.
13. 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.
14. Applications close with the Scholarships Office on 5 March in the year of the award.
15. Notes [I] – [VII] 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. *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. *For the purposes of a masters thesis programme, the most recent qualifying programme is defined as the most recently completed programme of study that qualifies the applicant for entry to the research 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 postgraduate programme for which they are applying, the qualifying programme is the bridging programme and the most recently completed prior programme.*
- IV. *For the purposes of a PhD programme, where the qualifying programme is an undergraduate honours degree (or equivalent undergraduate degree or integrated undergraduate and postgraduate degree) the GPA/GPE will be*

calculated over the final two years of full-time graded study (or equivalent) in the programme. In all other cases, the GPA/GPE will be calculated over the entirety of the programme.

- V. The personal statement should outline the proposed expenditure for the Award, and the applicant's existing financial support.*
- VI. Awardees will be required to present an annual report on the progress of their research project to a meeting of the Rotary Club of Newmarket.*
- VII. Awardees will be required to comply with the regulations for the Award 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 Award and require repayment of the funds received.*