

Sir Graham (Mont) Liggins Scholarship

Code:	859
Faculty:	Liggins Institute
Applicable study:	Honours or Research Masters degree that falls within one or more of the strategic research themes of the Liggins Institute
Closing date:	25 March 2025
Tenure:	One year
For:	Tuition fees
Number on offer:	Up to four
Offer rate:	Annually
Value:	Compulsory domestic tuition fees (see Reg. 2)

Description

The Scholarship was established in 2016 and is funded by the Mont Liggins Memorial Fund. The Liggins Institute is named after Sir Graham (Mont) Liggins, a distinguished clinician and researcher whose life-saving treatment for premature babies is now standard clinical practice world-wide.

The main purpose of the Scholarship is to encourage and support academically excellent students to undertake an honours or research masters degree that falls within one or more of the strategic research themes of the Waipapa Taumata Rau, University of Auckland Liggins Institute.

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 Sir Graham (Mont) Liggins Scholarship.
2. Up to four Scholarships will be awarded annually, each for a period of one year, and will cover the cost of compulsory domestic tuition fees (see Note I). For international students, the Scholarship will comprise a contribution towards compulsory tuition fees of the equivalent value of domestic fees for their programme.
3. To be eligible for Scholarship consideration, an applicant must be i) applying for admission to an honours or research masters degree based in and supervised by academic staff from the Liggins Institute at Waipapa Taumata Rau, University of Auckland, ii) intending to enrol full-time in their first semester of an honours or research masters degree in the Liggins Institute, and iii) intending to undertake research that falls within one or more of the strategic research themes of the Liggins Institute (see Note II). Students enrolled, or enrolling, in the second or subsequent semester of an honours or research masters degree are not eligible for consideration for this Scholarship. A grade point average (GPA) or grade point equivalent (GPE) of at least 5.50 (5.00 for Māori or Pacific candidates) in the candidate's most recent qualifying programme is required for Scholarship consideration (see Note III).

4. The Scholarship is tenable by domestic or international students.
5. The basis of selection will be academic merit as assessed by the GPA/GPE calculated over the most recent qualifying programme (see Note III), the relevance of the proposed research to Liggins strategic areas (see Notes II and IV), and supervisor endorsement. The following criteria may also inform selection: i) Māori applicants, and/or, ii) Pacific applicants, and/or iii) applicants who wish to work with members of staff who are just establishing their research programme.
6. The Scholarship will be awarded by the University of Auckland Council on the recommendation of a Selection Committee comprising the Director (or nominee), the Associate Director - Postgraduate (or nominee) and the Associate Director - Research (or nominee) of the Liggins Institute.
7. The Scholarship may be taken up in Semester One or Two (see Note IV).
8. To be paid the Scholarship, awardees must be i) enrolled in an honours or masters programme based in, and supervised by academic staff from, the Liggins Institute, and ii) be undertaking research that falls within one or more of the strategic research themes of the Liggins Institute.
9. The Scholarship will be paid as a contribution towards compulsory tuition fees in Semester One and Two.
10. The Scholarship may not be held concurrently with a University of Auckland Research Masters Scholarship, a University of Auckland Postgraduate Honours/PGDip Scholarship, a University of Auckland Māori Postgraduate Scholarship, or a University of Auckland Pacific Postgraduate Scholarship. However, it may be held 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.
11. The University of Auckland Council, in consultation with the Director of the Liggins Institute, has the power to terminate or suspend a Scholarship if it receives a report of unsatisfactory progress of a Scholar from the Head of the Department or thesis supervisor.
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 (see Regulation 14).
13. The University of Auckland Council can amend or vary these Regulations, in consultation with the Liggins Institute, provided that there is no departure from the main purpose of the Scholarship.
14. Applications close with the Scholarships Office on 25 March in the year of the award. In the event that not all Scholarships are awarded, additional application round(s) may be opened.
15. Notes [I]-[VI] below are deemed to be Regulations.

Notes

- I. *Compulsory fees are only those related to the relevant programme of study, plus Student Services Fee.*
- II. *The Liggins Institute has a number of overlapping research themes exploring the ways in which factors in the early life environment affect health throughout the life course and influence the health of following generations. A particular focus is on the effect of altered early life nutrition on later life health. Opportunities span basic science, clinical and translational research platforms.*
- 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 most recently completed qualifying programme is a conjoint programme the GPA/GPE will be calculated over the entirety of the qualifying 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. *Applications must include the following: i) research project title, ii) list of named supervisors, iii) short abstract describing the research project (maximum 100 words), and iv) short biographical statement (maximum 200 words).*

- V. *Students intending to commence study in Semester Two are advised to seek academic advice before enrolling.*
- VI. *Awardees will be required to comply with the regulations of the Scholarship 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 from the date of the breach.*