

Te Herenga Mātai Pūkaha Doctoral Scholarship in Engineering

Code:	1057
Faculty:	Engineering and Design
Applicable study:	PhD in Engineering
Closing date:	By nomination
Tenure:	Up to 36 months
For:	Assistance with study
Number on offer:	Varies
Offer rate:	Annually
Value:	Up to \$33,000 pa in 2023 plus compulsory domestic fees

Description

The Scholarship was established in 2019 and is funded by the Faculty of Engineering.

The intention of the Scholarship is to support Māori and Pacific students to undertake doctoral study on an agreed topic in the Faculty of Engineering and thereby to support the Faculty's objective to increase Māori and Pacific representation in its doctoral programme.

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 will be known as the Te Herenga Mātai Pūkaha Doctoral Scholarship in Engineering.
2. Scholarships will be awarded annually, for up to 36 months, and will comprise a stipend of up to \$33,000 per annum in 2023, with an annual cost of living adjustment to the stipend value. In addition, compulsory tuition fees will be covered for up to 36 months for students eligible to study under the domestic fees policy. Part-time students will be paid pro-rata for up to 72 months (see Notes II to IV).
3. Students will be considered for a Te Herenga Mātai Pūkaha Doctoral Scholarship in Engineering at the time of application to the Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) programme only. Students who have already begun their PhD are not eligible for consideration for a Te Herenga Mātai Pūkaha Doctoral Scholarship in Engineering.
4. The Scholarship is tenable by full-time Māori or Pacific students who are New Zealand citizens or permanent residents, and who are paying domestic fees. The Scholarship may also be available to Māori or Pacific students for whom socially compelling reasons make part-time enrolment preferable (see Notes III to 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. Where a completed programme with a grade point average (GPA) or grade point equivalent (GPE) is the basis for entry to the PhD, a candidate must have a GPA/GPE of at least 6.50 in that programme to be eligible for scholarship consideration (see Note VI).

6. The Scholarship will be awarded by the University of Auckland Council upon the recommendation of a Selection Committee comprising the Associate Dean (Postgraduate – Research) of the Faculty of Engineering (or nominee), the Kaiārahi of the Faculty of Engineering (or nominee) and a Postgraduate Advisor of the Faculty of Engineering.
7. Students will be required to enrol and begin within three 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 Scholarships Committee approval, may be available. These durations shall be pro-rated for part-time scholarship awardees (see Note IV).
9. The amount of additional and paid work a Scholar may undertake either inside or outside the University shall not exceed a total of 500 hours per scholarship year (see Notes VII to VIII).
10. The Te Herenga Mātai Pūkaha Doctoral Scholarship in Engineering may not be held concurrently with a University of Auckland Doctoral Scholarship or with any other New Zealand government or foreign government-funded scholarships or grants. However, it may be held with any other scholarship, award or grant where the regulations for that scholarship, award or grant permit, and where the University of Auckland Council so approves, up to an additional maximum of 75% of the stipend value of the Te Herenga Mātai Pūkaha Doctoral Scholarship in Engineering. If the value of the co-tenured scholarship exceeds 75% of the Te Herenga Mātai Pūkaha Doctoral Scholarship in Engineering stipend value, the emolument for the Te Herenga Mātai Pūkaha Doctoral Scholarship in Engineering will be reduced to limit the additional co-tenured stipend value to 75% of the Te Herenga Mātai Pūkaha Doctoral Scholarship in Engineering stipend value. 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 Faculty of Engineering, 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 Engineering.
12. The University of Auckland Council is not obliged to make an award if in any year there is no candidate of sufficient merit.
13. The University of Auckland Council has the power to amend or vary these Regulations, in consultation with the Faculty of Engineering, provided that there is no departure from the main purpose of the Scholarship.
14. Notes [I] – [IX] below are deemed to be Regulations.

Notes

- I. *Students who have been offered a scholarship must meet all requirements for admission to their intended programme in order to take up the scholarship offer.*
- II. *Compulsory fees are those only related to the relevant Doctoral study, plus Student Services Fee.*
- III. *To be eligible to pay domestic PhD fees, recipients who are permanent residents of New Zealand 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 purpose of conducting research.*
- IV. *Recipients of a Te Herenga Mātai Pūkaha Doctoral Scholarship in Engineering are normally required to be enrolled on a full-time basis. However, students for whom socially compelling reasons make part-time enrolment preferable may apply to hold a scholarship on a part-time basis pro-rated. Socially compelling reasons include a) carer responsibilities for: pre-school and/or school-aged children; an invalid or disabled family / whanau member; or b) medical condition(s), impairment(s) or disabilities. Applicants will not be granted permission to hold a Te Herenga Mātai Pūkaha Doctoral Scholarship in Engineering on a part-time basis if they wish to undertake full-time paid*

employment or substantial part-time employment. Students who hold a scholarship on a part-time basis are subject to the same employment restrictions as full-time scholarship holders (i.e. 500 hours per scholarship year; refer Regulation 9 and Note VIII) 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.

- V. Pacific applicants are defined as citizens or permanent residents of New Zealand who are of indigenous Pacific descent from any of the following islands: Samoa, American Samoa, Tonga, Cook Islands, Niue, Tokelau, Fiji, 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), Nauru.
- VI. 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.
- VII. Recipients of a Te Herenga Mātai Pūkaha Doctoral Scholarship in Engineering will be required to give undertakings that they will comply with the regulations for the Scholarship and will notify the Scholarships Office of any change in their enrolment, employment or funding status. The University of Auckland may, in the event it can be established that a recipient of a Te Herenga Mātai Pūkaha Doctoral Scholarship in Engineering is not complying with these regulations, terminate the Scholarship and require repayment of the funds received from the date of the breach.
- VIII. Paid work that is undertaken as part of an approved University of Auckland Internship, is not counted towards the 500 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 to assist the awardee with living costs while studying. Failure to comply with this regulation will result in the termination of the Scholarship.