

# The Marie Clay Literacy Trust Trainer Doctoral Scholarship

<b>Code:</b>	1165
<b>Faculty:</b>	Education and Social Work
<b>Applicable study:</b>	PhD or EdD in the Faculty of Education and Social Work
<b>Closing date:</b>	Next available in 2027
<b>Tenure:</b>	Up to 36 months FTE
<b>For:</b>	Assistance with study
<b>Number on offer:</b>	One
<b>Offer rate:</b>	Every three years
<b>Value:</b>	Up to \$70,000 pa in total, including stipend and compulsory fees

## Description

The Scholarship was established in 2022 and is funded by The Marie Clay Literacy Trust.

The main purpose of the Scholarship is to support an international or domestic PhD student or domestic EdD student in the Faculty of Education and Social Work at Waipapa Taumata Rau, University of Auckland undertaking research related to Reading Recovery.

## 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 Marie Clay Literacy Trust Trainer Doctoral Scholarship.
2. One Scholarship will be awarded every three years and will be of the value of up to \$70,000 per annum in total, comprising a fortnightly stipend and compulsory fees for domestic EdD students and for domestic and international students who are eligible to study under the PhD domestic tuition fees policy, and compulsory international student health insurance, where applicable for up to 36 months full-time equivalent (see Notes II and III). Payment and tenure will be pro-rated for part-time students.
3. The Scholarship may be awarded for full-time or part-time enrolment in a PhD, or for domestic enrolment in a Doctor of Education (EdD) in the Faculty of Education and Social Work at Waipapa Taumata Rau, University of Auckland, for applicants undertaking research that relates to Reading Recovery (see Note IV).
4. The Scholarship is tenable by domestic students and by international students who are eligible to study under the PhD domestic tuition fees policy (see Note III).
5. The basis of selection will be academic merit, the quality, nature and relevance of the proposed research, endorsement by the main supervisor, and how the applicant intends to use the funding to benefit reading recovery as assessed by a personal statement. 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.

6. The Scholarship will be awarded by the University of Auckland Council on the recommendation of a Selection Committee comprising the Head of School of Curriculum and Pedagogy (or nominee), the Director of Reading Recovery (or nominee) and one representative of The Marie Clay Literacy Trust.
7. Applicants who have been offered a Scholarship must meet all requirements for admission into their intended programme and all requirements of their Scholarship offer to take up the Scholarship. No payments will be made until all requirements have been met (see Note V).
8. The Scholarship must be taken up by one of the dates prescribed in the letter of award, otherwise the Scholarship offer will be forfeited (see Notes V and VI).
9. Scholarship payments will commence on the initial date of enrolment in the doctoral programme and will provide support for up to 36 months of full-time study. A further six months of scholarship funding at the University of Auckland Doctoral Scholarship rate, subject to Scholarships Committee approval, may be available to candidates undertaking a PhD. These durations shall be pro-rated for part-time scholarship awardees.
10. Holders of the Scholarship may apply to suspend their Scholarship for up to 12 months in total during the tenure of their award (see Notes VII and VIII).
11. The amount of additional and paid work a Scholar enrolled in a PhD or the thesis component of an EdD may undertake either inside or outside the University shall not exceed a total of 750 hours per scholarship year (see Note IX). For the avoidance of doubt, students enrolled part-time in the 120 point coursework component of the EdD are excluded from this limit on additional and paid work.
12. Any additional tuition fee, stipend or top-up scholarship received from any other award or scholarship must be declared to the Scholarships Office upon receipt of the offer from the awarding body or receipt of the University of Auckland Doctoral Scholarship offer, whichever is later (see Note X).
13. Scholarships Committee will determine if additional tuition fee, living stipend or top-up scholarships may be co-tenured with The Marie Clay Literacy Trust Doctoral Scholarship (See Notes X and XI).
14. 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.
15. The University of Auckland Council, in consultation with the Donor, has the power to terminate or suspend an Award if it receives a report of unsatisfactory progress of a Scholar from the Head of School of Curriculum and Pedagogy.
16. 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.
17. 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 Scholarship.
18. Applications close with the Scholarships Office on 20 April in the year of the award.
19. Notes [I]-[XV] below are deemed to be regulations.

## Notes

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- 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. *The supervision for the research must include a member of the School of Curriculum and Pedagogy, Faculty of*

*Education and Social Work.*

- V. *To take up the Scholarship means to commence doctoral enrolment and the tenure of the scholarship.*
- VI. *PhD enrolment must commence on either 1 June or 1 September for domestic candidates or international candidates with a domestic qualifying programme, or by 1 June, 1 September or 1 December for international candidates with an international qualifying programme. EdD enrolment must commence on 1 July.*
- VII. *An additional 12-month parental-leave suspension may be considered where the holder becomes a parent during their tenure of the Scholarship.*
- VIII. *In exceptional circumstances Scholarships Committee may approve a suspension of this Scholarship beyond the suspension periods stated in Regulation 10 and Note VII. Applications must be made in writing to Scholarships Office.*
- IX. *Paid work that is required as part of an approved doctoral programme (such as an internship for some named doctorates) or 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.*
- X. *The Marie Clay Literacy Trust Doctoral Scholarship may not be held concurrently with any doctoral scholarship, bursary or equivalent funded by Waipapa Taumata Rau, University of Auckland (including those funded by faculties, LSRI's or URCs) or any postgraduate scholarship or grant awarded by the Universities New Zealand Scholarships Committee, or by a foreign government or agency. As per Note XIII, awardees must notify the Scholarships Office of any change in their funding status.*
- XI. *Where the University of Auckland Council approves co-tenure, the combined stipend may not exceed 150% of The Marie Clay Literacy Trust Doctoral 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 Marie Clay Literacy Trust Doctoral Scholarship stipend.*
- XII. *Awardees will be required to submit annual reports (known as impact reports) that will thank The Marie Clay Literacy Trust and provide a summary of outcomes and impact to date. These will include what impact the research has had on the area of Reading Recovery. Impact reports will be submitted to the Trust by the Development Manager.*
- XIII. *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 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.*
- XIV. *If an awardee is overpaid an amount in excess of a full fortnightly disbursement, the University may recover the overpayment by withholding future award payments at the same rate that the award was overpaid or, if the awardee is no longer enrolled, the University may recover the overpayment in line with standard debt collection practices.*
- XV. *If an awardee is overpaid an amount in excess of a full fortnightly disbursement after they are no longer eligible for the Scholarship, the University may recover the overpayment in line with standard debt collection practices.*