

University of Auckland Doctoral Scholarship Extension

Code:	533
Faculty:	All
Applicable study:	PhD, MD, DClinPsy, DocFA or 480 point named doctorate
Closing date:	Applications can be made at any time
Tenure:	Up to six months FTE
For:	Assistance with study
Number on offer:	Varies
Offer rate:	Varies
Value:	Up to \$17,284.50 (2025 value) plus compulsory fees and international health insurance (if required)

Description

The University of Auckland Doctoral Scholarship Extension was established to provide up to six months of additional scholarship funding to eligible recipients of the University of Auckland Doctoral Scholarship or other eligible doctoral scholarships.

Eligible doctoral scholarship recipients who have completed at least 33 months of doctoral enrolment may apply for up to six months of funding. Scholarships Committee may award extensions to eligible students who they believe will submit their thesis (plus complete any required exhibition or performance) within 48 months of active full-time enrolment from the initial date of programme enrolment.

Selection process

- Application is made to the Scholarships Office
- Scholarships Committee assesses the applications
- The Scholarship is awarded by the University of Auckland Council on the recommendation of the Scholarships Committee

Regulations

1. The Scholarship will be known as the University of Auckland Doctoral Scholarship Extension.
2. The University of Auckland Doctoral Scholarship Extension provides a tax-free stipend of up to \$17,284.50 in 2025 in total for up to six months of full-time equivalent (FTE) enrolment in a PhD, MD, DClinPsy, DocFA or 480 point named doctorate (Note I). In addition, the Student Services Fee and compulsory tuition fees for prescribed study for the doctoral programme will be covered for up to six months FTE for all domestic awardees and for international awardees who are eligible to study under the domestic fees policy (see Note II). The single student Health Insurance compulsory charge (as detailed on the tuition fees advice) is also covered for the duration of the Scholarship for international awardees. Part-time awardees will be paid pro-rata for up to 12 months.
3. To be eligible for Scholarship consideration, an applicant must satisfy all of the following requirements: i) meet the

GPA/GPE requirement of Regulation 4 where applicable; ii) be eligible to pay domestic tuition fees for their doctoral enrolment (see Note II); iii) hold a University of Auckland Doctoral Scholarship or be due to have held, by the start date of the requested scholarship extension, 36 months FTE of other eligible funding (see Notes III and XII); iv) be enrolled in an eligible doctoral programme; v) have completed at least 33 months of full-time equivalent eligible doctoral enrolment at the time of application for the Doctoral Scholarship Extension and be due to have completed no more than 42 months of full-time equivalent eligible doctoral enrolment by the conclusion of a Doctoral Scholarship Extension (Notes XII-XIII); vi) have a maximum submission date and an intended submission date within 48 months of full-time equivalent enrolment from the initial date of doctoral enrolment; vii) be in compliance with the appropriate PhD Statute or relevant named doctoral regulations and with the following restrictions: a) applicants who are eligible to retain an existing doctoral scholarship/grant/award for more than 36 months of full-time equivalent enrolment are not eligible to be considered for a University of Auckland Doctoral Extension; b) applicants who (will) have been in payment from scholarship/award/grant funding for more than 36 months of full-time equivalent doctoral enrolment are not eligible to be considered for a University of Auckland Doctoral Scholarship extension. This last restriction applies regardless of whether the funding was derived from one or more sources, and regardless of the number of institutions and/or doctoral enrolments across which funding (from one or more sources) was held, and regardless of whether the doctoral enrolment was backdated to include a period of masters enrolment (see Note IV).

4. Where the eligible funding (see Note III) held by an applicant is not the University of Auckland Doctoral Scholarship, the applicant is required, pursuant to Regulation 3(i), to hold a qualifying programme GPA/GPE of 7.0 or above, in addition to satisfying the requirements at Regulation 3(ii-vii), in order to be eligible for consideration for a University of Auckland Doctoral Scholarship Extension (Note V).
5. The Scholarship may be awarded for full-time enrolment in the PhD, MD, DClinPsy, DocFA or 480 point named doctorate. The Scholarship may also be awarded to domestic candidates for whom compassionate and compelling reasons may make part-time enrolment preferable (see Note VI).
6. The basis of selection will be the likelihood of the applicant submitting their thesis within 48 months of full-time equivalent enrolment (from the initial date of programme enrolment), as assessed by the Scholarships Committee in relation to the following material: i) the applicant's timeline, detailing plans and dates for completion of all outstanding doctoral work from date of extension request until thesis submission; ii) the planned submission date and any requested enrolment data; iii) endorsement by the main supervisor, including specific confirmation that the planned thesis submission date is feasible and any other comment regarding the feasibility of the timeline to submission; and iv) endorsement and any associated comment by the relevant Academic Head. If the main supervisor is also the Academic Head, endorsement is required from the Associate Dean/Director (Postgraduate Research) of the relevant faculty or Large Scale Research Institute (LSRI).
7. The Scholarship will be awarded by the University of Auckland Council on the recommendation of Scholarships Committee.
8. The Scholarship will provide support for up to six months of full-time study and payments will commence from either the day after payment ceases on the University of Auckland Doctoral Scholarship or other source of eligible funding, or from the date specified by Scholarships Committee, whichever is the later (Note XIII). These durations shall be pro-rated for part-time scholarship awardees (see Note VI). The scholarship will cease at six months of full-time equivalent tenure or on the date of thesis submission, or on the date of programme withdrawal or termination, or when 42 months of full-time equivalent doctoral enrolment have elapsed from the initial date of programme enrolment, whichever is the shortest tenure (Note XII). The value of the scholarship stipend is calculated on the basis of \$17,284.50 for six months and adjusted in accordance with the duration of scholarship tenure.
9. The amount of additional and paid work a Scholar may undertake either inside or outside the University while in receipt of this Scholarship shall not exceed a total of 375 hours (see Note VI).
10. 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 Extension offer, whichever is later (See Note IX).
11. A University of Auckland Doctoral Scholarship Extension may not be held concurrently with any other doctoral scholarship funded by Waipapa Taumata Rau, University of Auckland (including scholarships funded by faculties,

LSRIs and URCs) or with any postgraduate scholarship or grant awarded by the Universities New Zealand Scholarships Committee, or a foreign government or agency. Scholarships Committee will determine if additional tuition fee, living stipend or top-up scholarships may be co-tenured with a University of Auckland Doctoral Scholarship Extension (see Notes VII to IX).

12. Requests for suspension of the Extension Scholarship will be considered on a case-by-case basis by the Scholarships Committee.
13. Payments under the terms of this Scholarship remain tax-free under existing legislation 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 (see Note I).
14. The University of Auckland Council can amend or vary these Regulations provided that there is no departure from the main purpose of the Scholarship.
15. Notes [I] – [XIV] 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. *International students are not eligible to pay domestic fees for the DocFA or MD and thus are not eligible to hold a University of Auckland Doctoral Scholarship Extension for those programmes. 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 that cannot be conducted at an equivalent level in New Zealand.*
- III. *"Eligible funding" means the University of Auckland Doctoral Scholarship or non-foreign government/agency funding that meets the following criteria i) is provided by a University of Auckland-recognised doctoral scholarship, grant or award of 36 full-time equivalent months' duration and ii) has a current annual value of at least 75% of the current annual value of the University of Auckland Doctoral Scholarship (stipend, tuition and other fees, and international health insurance, if required) (see Note XII).*
- IV. *To avoid doubt: scholarship/award/grant funding for a masters research enrolment that is transferred to a PhD counts toward the 36 month limit at Regulation 3 (vii)(b).*
- V. *The "qualifying programme GPA/GPE" is the grade point average/equivalent, as calculated by the University of Auckland, for the programme that qualified the applicant for entry to their doctoral programme. 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.*
- VI. *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 per year. However, domestic candidates for whom compassionate and compelling circumstances make part-time enrolment preferable may apply to 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 whānau, and traumatic experiences. Part-time is defined as 20 hours per week. Candidates will not be granted permission to hold a University of Auckland Doctoral Scholarship Extension 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. 375 hours over the duration of this Scholarship) and are required to change to full-time enrolment if their circumstances mean they no longer qualify to hold the scholarship on a part-time basis.*
- VII. *Where Scholarships Committee approves co-tenure, the combined stipend may not exceed 150% of the University*

of Auckland Doctoral Scholarship Extension 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 University of Auckland Doctoral Scholarship Extension stipend.

- VIII. The University of Auckland Doctoral Scholarship Extension stipend may be reduced in order to meet the requirements of Note VII.*
- IX. 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, or any change to the circumstances on which part-time tenure of the Scholarship was approved. Waipapa Taumata Rau, University of Auckland may, in the event it is satisfied 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.*
- X. A University of Auckland Doctoral Scholarship Extension may be withdrawn at any stage of offer or tenure if incorrect, false, or misleading information is provided by the applicant to the University as part of the extension application, or relevant information is withheld. Waipapa Taumata Rau, University of Auckland may, in such an event, require repayment of the funds received.*
- XI. 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.*
- XII. Any student whose doctoral scholarship expires no later than 30 June 2024 and who would have been eligible, under the doctoral scholarship extension scheme that was replaced on 12 December 2023, to apply for a scholarship extension up to and including 31 March 2024 may be considered for a doctoral scholarship extension under the eligibility and selection criteria of the old scheme provided they apply no later than 31 March 2024 and satisfy the eligibility criteria of the old scheme on the date of application. Where a Doctoral Scholarship Extension is awarded pursuant to this note and eligibility and selection criteria of the old scheme, the student remains bound by Regulations 2, 7-15 and Notes I-II and VI-XII above, except that the 42 month timeframe specified at Regulation 8 shall be 48 months.*
- XIII. Applicants are responsible for the timely submission of applications for the Doctoral Scholarship Extension (see the public website for further advice). Payments of the Doctoral Scholarship Extension will not be backdated.*
- XIV. These regulations came into effect on 12 December 2023. Current doctoral scholarship extension holders whose doctoral scholarship extensions were approved prior to that date are subject to Regulations 7-15 and Notes I-II and VI-XI above, except that the 42 month timeframe specified at Regulation 8 shall be 48 months.*