

# University of Auckland Fulbright Scholarship

<b>Code:</b>	293
<b>Faculty:</b>	All
<b>Applicable study:</b>	Approved Masters or PhD
<b>Closing date:</b>	28 November 2024
<b>Tenure:</b>	For Masters up to 12 months; for PhD up to 2 years
<b>For:</b>	Enabling Fulbright Award winners to complete degrees at the University of Auckland
<b>Number on offer:</b>	Up to three
<b>Offer rate:</b>	Annually
<b>Value:</b>	Up to \$33,000 pa for 2023 for a PhD and up to \$15,000 for Masters, plus compulsory fees and international health insurance

## Description

The Scholarship was established by the University of Auckland Council in 1995 and is intended to encourage and facilitate study for approved postgraduate degrees at Waipapa Taumata Rau, University of Auckland by candidates already selected to hold Fulbright Awards. As a Fulbright Award fully supports a candidate for the first year, the Scholarship is intended to enable Fulbright Award winners to complete degrees at Waipapa Taumata Rau, University of Auckland.

## Selection process

- Application is made to the Scholarships Office. Recommendation from Supervisor is required
- 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 University of Auckland Fulbright Scholarship.
2. Up to three Scholarships will be available each year.
3. In the case of a masters student, the Scholarship will provide a tax-free stipend of up to \$15,000 for up to 12 months. In addition, compulsory tuition fees and compulsory international student health cover will be covered for up to 12 months (see Note I). Payment will commence from the first anniversary of the date of the original enrolment.
4. In the case of a PhD candidate, the Scholarship will provide a tax-free stipend of up to \$33,000 in 2023, with an annual CPI adjustment to the stipend value, for up to 24 months. In addition, compulsory tuition fees and compulsory international student health cover will be covered for up to 24 months (see Notes I and II). Payment will commence from the first anniversary of the date of registration. A further six months of scholarship funding, subject to Scholarships Committee approval, may be available.
5. To be eligible for Scholarship consideration, an applicant must i) be a citizen of the United States of America, ii) have taken up a Fulbright Award, iii) be enrolled, or intending to enrol, full-time in either the second year of an approved masters degree, or the second and/or third year of a PhD, at Waipapa Taumata Rau, University of Auckland. PhD

candidates must be eligible to study under the domestic fees policy (see Note II).

6. The basis of selection will be academic merit; a letter of application describing current academic progress and future academic plans; the quality and relevance of the candidate's research to Waipapa Taumata Rau, University of Auckland; endorsement from the prospective supervisor and confirmation from Fulbright. Matters that may be considered in relation to academic merit may include, but are not limited to, academic record, standing of awarding institution, academic references, CV, research, publication record.
7. The Scholarship will be awarded by the University of Auckland Council on the recommendation of a Selection Committee comprising the Vice-Chancellor (or nominee), the Chair of the Scholarships Committee (or nominee) and the Executive Director of the New Zealand United States Education Foundation (or nominee).
8. To be paid the Scholarship, awardees must enrol full-time in either the second year of a masters degree, or the second or third year of a PhD, at Waipapa Taumata Rau, University of Auckland.
9. To comply with the full-time study requirement in Regulation 5, the amount of additional and paid work a scholar may undertake either inside or outside the University may not exceed a total of 750 hours per 12-month period of scholarship tenure (see Note V).
10. A Scholarship will automatically cease to be available to a student who, through withdrawal or failure to meet any programme requirements, is no longer eligible to pursue the programme of study for which the Scholarship has been offered.
11. A University of Auckland Fulbright Scholarship may not be held concurrently with any postgraduate scholarship awarded by Universities New Zealand unless the University of Auckland Council so approves, or with any other scholarship funded by Waipapa Taumata Rau, University of Auckland. However, it may be held concurrently with any other scholarship, award or grant where the Regulations for that scholarship, 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 (see Notes VII and VIII).
12. Payment 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.
13. The University of Auckland Council has the power to terminate or suspend a Scholarship if it receives a report of unsatisfactory progress of a Scholar from the awardee's Head of Department.
14. 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.
15. The University of Auckland Council can amend or vary these Regulations provided that there is no departure from the main purpose of the Scholarship.
16. Application is made to the Scholarships Office by 28 November in the year preceding the award.

Notes [I]-[X] below are deemed to be regulations.

## Notes

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- I. *Compulsory fees are only those related to the masters or PhD programme, plus Student Services Fee. In addition, the single student Health Insurance compulsory charge (as detailed on the tuition fees invoice) may be covered by the Scholarship for the duration of the Scholarship.*
- II. *To be eligible to pay domestic PhD fees, 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.*
- III. *For the purposes of a masters programme, the most recent qualifying programme is defined as the most recently completed programme of study that qualifies the applicant for entry to the masters programme for which they are applying. Where the most recently completed programme is a conjoint programme the grade point equivalent (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 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. For the purposes of a PhD programme, to be deemed a qualifying programme for the purposes of scholarship consideration, an individual programme must satisfy Regulation 13a and b of the PhD Statute. Where the qualifying programme is an undergraduate honours degree (or equivalent undergraduate degree or integrated undergraduate and postgraduate degree), the GPE will be calculated over the final two years of full-time graded study (or equivalent) in the programme. In all other cases, the GPE will be calculated over the entirety of the programme.*
- V. Paid work 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.*
- VI. The tax-free status of this Scholarship is under current legislation. Waipapa Taumata Rau, University of Auckland cannot guarantee this tax-free outcome.*
- VII. Where co-tenure is approved, the combined stipend may not exceed 150% of the University of Auckland Fulbright Scholarship stipend. For 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 Fulbright Scholarship stipend.*
- VIII. Awardees will be required to comply with the regulations for 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.*
- IX. 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.*
- X. 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.*