

# University of Auckland Summer Research Scholarship

<b>Code:</b>	635
<b>Faculty:</b>	All
<b>Applicable study:</b>	SUMRESCH 301
<b>Closing date:</b>	31 July 2025
<b>Tenure:</b>	Duration of project 400 hours (approximately 10 weeks)
<b>For:</b>	Assistance
<b>Number on offer:</b>	Varies
<b>Offer rate:</b>	Annually
<b>Value:</b>	\$6,750 paid as a fortnightly stipend

## Description

The Scholarship was established in 2004 and is funded by Waipapa Taumata Rau, University of Auckland. These regulations also apply to faculty and large-scale research institute, and externally funded Summer Research Scholarships that are administered by the central Waipapa Taumata Rau, University of Auckland Summer Research Scholarship Scheme.

The main purpose of the Scholarship is to give current international and domestic university students an opportunity to experience research, and to thereby encourage them to pursue postgraduate study at Waipapa Taumata Rau, University of Auckland.

## Selection process

- Application is made online 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 University of Auckland Summer Research Scholarship.
2. The University of Auckland Summer Research Scholarship will be of the value of \$6,750, paid as a fortnightly stipend. The Scholarship is payable within the period of November to February inclusive.
3. All applicants are required to apply for admission to the Summer Research Scholarship Programme. Awardees will be enrolled in the Summer Research course, SUMRESCH 301, and are expected to conduct a research project of approximately 10 weeks duration (400 hours) under the supervision of an academic staff member (see Notes II and III). Actual starting and finishing dates must be agreed by the supervisor.
4. The Scholarship is tenable by domestic and international students (see Notes IV and V).
5. To be eligible for scholarship consideration, applicants must satisfy the requirements of regulations 6, 7, 8, 9 and 10.
6. Applicants who will have completed at least two years of equivalent full-time study in an undergraduate degree at the time of take-up of award are eligible for consideration for a University of Auckland Summer Research Scholarship,

provided that the applicant satisfies any additional study requirements or restrictions specified under Notes X to XII, and that the applicant either a) is enrolled in an undergraduate degree at a New Zealand university (see Note VI) at the time of scholarship application, or b) is enrolled, at the time of scholarship application, in a postgraduate diploma or postgraduate Bachelor (Honours) degree at a New Zealand university (see Note VI) as permitted under Notes VII to IX, or c) was or is enrolled in an undergraduate degree at an international institution in the same calendar year as the scholarship application.

7. An applicant must have a Scholarship grade point average (GPA) or grade point equivalent (GPE) of 5.50 or above over their two most recent years of full-time study (or equivalent) to be considered for a scholarship; Māori applicants or Pacific applicants (see Note XIII) are required to have a SGPA/GPE of 5.00 or above over their two most recent years of full-time study (or equivalent) in order to be considered for a scholarship.
8. An applicant must have a clearly defined project and suitable supervisor willing to supervise the project. Faculties or large-scale research institutes (LSRIs) may offer a predetermined list of supervised projects or require the student to devise the project (see Note XV). Additional scholarships and/or projects may be awarded by nomination to eligible students (see Note V) currently enrolled at Waipapa Taumata Rau, University of Auckland if additional funding becomes available later in the year.
9. A student who has previously held a University of Auckland Summer Research Scholarship is not eligible to hold a second scholarship, except as allowed under Note XVI.
10. To be eligible to hold the scholarship, awardees must not a) be seeking employment as tutors during Summer School or be in paid employment inside the University during the tenure of their Summer Research Scholarship, or b) have commenced a masters or doctoral programme, or a taught postgraduate programme (other than those permitted under Notes VII to IX), by the start date of the Summer Research Scholarship, or c) commence a masters or doctoral programme, or a taught postgraduate programme (other than those permitted under Notes III to IV), during the tenure of the scholarship or d) be completing a dissertation or thesis on an extension.
11. The basis for selection will be academic merit measured by Scholarship GPA/GPE, University strategic recruitment priorities, applicant interest in further study and the alignment of the applicant's academic and/or professional profile with the proposed research topic. In order to assess applications, faculties or LSRIs may request supporting documentation (as detailed in any guidelines and application forms), including but not limited to CV, personal and/or project statement, and writing sample. The following criteria may also inform selection: i) Māori students, ii) Pacific students (see Note XIII), iii) students with disabilities, iv) students from a refugee backgrounds, v) students who are the first in their family to attend university, vi) Rainbow students, vii) students who have care responsibilities for whanau, viii) students from other equity groups, as determined by faculties and LSRIs with reference to Te Ara Tautika | The Equity Policy (see Notes XVII to XXI), ix) students from other New Zealand universities (see Note VI), and x) international students (see Notes IV and V).
12. Externally funded scholarships may apply additional eligibility and/or criteria as approved by the office of the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Research).
13. The University reserves the right to consider applicants for topics other than those nominated by the student. In all cases, only one scholarship may be awarded per student.
14. Eligible applicants will be assessed by a Selection Committee within the faculty or LSRI through which the summer research scholarship project is offered.
15. The Scholarship will be awarded by the University of Auckland Council on the recommendation of the Selection Committee in the faculty or LSRI through which the summer research scholarship project is offered.
16. Awardees will be required to observe the research plan and frequency of meetings as agreed with their supervisor(s) at the start of the project; failure to do so will result in forfeiture of this Scholarship.
17. An awardee will be required to be co-located in the same town as their supervisor for the period of the scholarship, except during any project-related travel.
18. Awardees may undertake up to 100 hours paid work external to the University over the duration of the Scholarship (i.e. up to 10 hours per week), subject to the approval of the project supervisor.
19. Payment of the fortnightly stipend will commence as soon as is practical after confirmation of the awardee's project has commenced.

20. The University of Auckland Council is not obliged to make an award if it is determined there are no candidates that meet the criteria and/or no candidates of sufficient merit.
21. 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 Summer Research Scholarship Programme and/or to assist the awardee with living costs while undertaking their Summer Research Scholarship project (see Note I). Failure to comply with this regulation will result in the termination of the Scholarship.
22. The University of Auckland Council can amend or vary these regulations provided that there is no departure from the main purpose of the Scholarship.
23. Applications close with the Scholarships Office on 31 July in the year of the award.
24. Notes [I]-[XXIV] 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. *Research carried out for the Summer Research Scholarship course cannot be used in any subsequent programme in which the student enrolls.*
- III. *A student may enrol in a maximum of 15 points in Summer School during the tenure of this scholarship. SUMRESCH 301 is a not-for-credit course and therefore does not require the payment of any tuition fee.*
- IV. *International students are students who are neither citizens, permanent residents nor resident visa holders of New Zealand or Australia.*
- V. *In order to take up the Scholarship, international students must have a valid visa for the duration of the Scholarship.*
- VI. *New Zealand universities are: Waipapa Taumata Rau, University of Auckland; Auckland University of Technology (AUT); The University of Waikato; Massey University; Victoria University of Wellington; University of Canterbury; Lincoln University; and the University of Otago.*
- VII. *Postgraduate students are eligible for consideration for scholarship projects offered through the LSRI's Auckland Bioengineering Institute (ABI) and the Liggins Institute, and the Faculties of Arts, Business and Economics, Education and Social Work, Law, Medical and Health Sciences, and Science only where the enrolment at the time of scholarship application is in a postgraduate Bachelor (Honours) or Postgraduate Diploma programme.*
- VIII. *Postgraduate students are eligible for consideration for scholarship projects offered by the Faculty of Creative Arts and Industries, excluding those offered by the School of Architecture and Planning.*
- IX. *Postgraduate students are eligible for consideration for scholarship projects offered by the Faculty of Engineering only where the enrolment at the time of scholarship application is in a Postgraduate Diploma programme.*
- X. *MBChB students admitted under the graduate entry programme are eligible for consideration for this Scholarship between Year 1 and Year 2, and between Year 2 and Year 3 of the MBChB programme only. MBChB Year 3 students who have applied to enrol in the Bachelor of Medical Sciences (Honours) (BMedSci(Hons)) year for the following year are eligible for consideration and must have enrolled in the BMedSci(Hons) in order to take up and be paid the Scholarship. In all other cases, MBChB students are eligible for consideration for this Scholarship only between Year 2 and Year 3 of their degree enrolment.*
- XI. *Students are eligible for consideration for scholarship projects offered through the Faculty of Law provided they have completed Part II Law and have completed or are enrolled in Part III or Part IV Law or equivalent at the time of application, and have completed a Research Paper in Lieu of an Examination (PILO), or LAW 399, or LAW 456, or a 700-level course at Waipapa Taumata Rau, University of Auckland, or equivalent, or have a proven research record.*
- XII. *Undergraduate students are eligible for consideration for scholarship projects offered through the Faculties of Business and Economics and Creative Arts and Industries only where the student has completed at least two years of equivalent full-time undergraduate study at the time of scholarship application.*
- XIII. *Pacific students are defined as students who are of indigenous Pacific descent from any of the following islands:*

Samoa, American Samoa, Tonga, Cook Islands, Niue, Tokelau, Fiji (iTaukei), 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), Pitcairn Islands, Nauru, Guam, Northern Mariana Islands.

- XIV. The Scholarship GPA/GPE (SGPA/GPE) calculation will take into account all courses studied in the most recent two years of full-time study (or equivalent), including conjoint courses. Exchange study (within a New Zealand university degree) that has been undertaken at an overseas institution will be excluded, provided it does not exceed one semester. Where a semester of exchange is excluded from the calculation, the SGPA/GPE will be calculated on the most recent four full-time semesters (or equivalent) of study at a New Zealand university.
- XV. The list of Summer Research topics and their status as University, or faculty or LSRI, or externally funded can be found on the University of Auckland Summer Research Scholarships webpages at [www.summer.ac.nz](http://www.summer.ac.nz)
- XVI. Students who have previously been awarded a centrally funded, faculty funded or externally funded University of Auckland Summer Research Scholarship will not be eligible to hold a second or subsequent Summer Research Scholarship unless the second or subsequent scholarship is funded by the Auckland Bioengineering Institute (ABI), or the Faculties of Education and Social Work, Engineering, Science or Medical and Health Sciences or offered through the ABI or those faculties by an external funder (see Note XVIII). Where the faculty or externally funded second scholarship is offered through the Faculty of Science, the student cannot work with the supervisor from the original Summer Research Scholarship. Where the faculty or externally funded second scholarship is offered through the Faculty of Engineering, applicants may be considered on a case-by-case basis dependent on their industry work experience requirements being met.
- XVII. Te Ara Tautika |The Equity Policy can be found at <https://www.auckland.ac.nz/en/about-us/about-the-university/policy-hub/university-governance/equity/equity-policy.html>.
- XVIII. Waipapa Taumata Rau, University of Auckland defines disability as any physical, psychological, cognitive or sensory impairment which may, in interaction with social and systemic barriers, limit a person's full and effective participation in university life on an equal basis with others.
- XIX. For the purposes of this Scholarship, refugee background refers to students who have themselves or whose parents/primary guardian(s) have been granted refuge in New Zealand.
- XX. For the purposes of this Scholarship, 'First in family' means that no member of the applicant's immediate family, including parents and siblings, has completed a university qualification prior to the applicant's first year of study. Adoptive and step parents and siblings are considered part of the family where they have lived with the applicant for the previous five or more years.
- XXI. Care responsibilities for whānau/family is defined as providing care for someone close to them who needs help with everyday living because of a health condition or disability to support them to live with dignity and participate more fully in society. Care responsibilities could include looking after relatives in the applicant's immediate family who live in the same household, including children, siblings, parents or grandparents.
- XXII. Reports submitted at the end of the project and written in project working time must be the work of the student, and must be submitted by the deadline specified by the faculty or LSRI. The language must be aimed at a general readership, unlikely to be familiar with the terminology used in specialist academic units.
- XXIII. Responsibility for any costs incurred in the course of the research project must be clarified with the supervisor and academic unit at the time of acceptance of the Scholarship.
- XXIV. Awardees will be required to comply with the regulations for the Scholarship and must notify the Scholarships Office of any change in their enrolment 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.