

# Victoria League Nursing Doctoral Fees Award

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| <b>Code:</b>             | 1160                        |
| <b>Faculty:</b>          | Medical and Health Sciences |
| <b>Applicable study:</b> | PhD or DHSc in Nursing      |
| <b>Closing date:</b>     | 16 July 2025                |
| <b>Tenure:</b>           | Up to 36 months FTE         |
| <b>For:</b>              | Tuition fees credit         |
| <b>Number on offer:</b>  | Two in payment at a time    |
| <b>Offer rate:</b>       | Varies                      |
| <b>Value:</b>            | Compulsory fees             |

## Description

The Award was established in 2022 and is funded by the Victoria League (Auckland) Charitable Trust.

The main purpose of the Award is to assist registered nurses undertaking doctoral study at Waipapa Taumata Rau, University of Auckland with the cost of tuition fees.

## Selection process

- Application is made to the Scholarships Office
- A Selection Committee assesses the applications
- The Award is made by the University of Auckland Council on the recommendation of the Selection Committee

## Regulations

1. The Award shall be known as the Victoria League Nursing Doctoral Fees Award.
2. Awards will be made every three to four years, so that there are two students on award at a time.
3. a) For awardees enrolled in a PhD and awardees enrolled in a Doctor of Health Sciences (DHSc) without a compulsory part-time component, and provided the awardee continues to meet the requirements of these regulations including but not limited to eligibility to pay domestic tuition fees for the doctoral programme (see Note I), the Award consists of i) the Student Services Fee and compulsory tuition fees for prescribed study for the doctoral programme for up to 36 months full-time equivalent (FTE), and ii) the single student Health Insurance compulsory charge (as detailed on the tuition fees invoice) for the duration of the Award for international students. Part-time students will be paid pro-rata for up to 72 months. b) For awardees enrolled in a DHSc with a compulsory part-time coursework component, and provided the awardee continues to meet the requirements of these regulations including but not limited to eligibility to pay domestic tuition fees for the programme (see Note I), the Award consists of i) the compulsory tuition fees and the Student Services Fee for the 120 point enrolment in the coursework component of the degree, and ii) compulsory tuition fees and the Student Services Fee for up to 24 months FTE in the thesis component of the degree (part-time awardees will be paid pro-rata for up to 48 months).
4. To be eligible for Award consideration, applicants must i) have applied for admission to a PhD or Doctor of Health

Sciences (DHSc) in Nursing in the Faculty of Medical and Health Sciences at Waipapa Taumata Rau, University of Auckland, and ii) be a registered nurse. Eligible candidates who have begun their PhD or DHSc programme may also be considered for this Award.

5. The Award as prescribed by Regulation 3(a) may be awarded for full-time enrolment in a PhD in the School of Nursing or a DHSc without a compulsory part-time component in the School of Nursing. The Award as detailed at Regulation 3(a) may also be awarded (pro-rated) to domestic applicants enrolled part-time in the PhD in the School of Nursing or a DHSc without a compulsory part-time component in the School of Nursing. The Award as prescribed by 3(b) may be awarded to domestic applicants for compulsory part-time enrolment in the coursework component of the DHSc and for full-time or part-time enrolment in the thesis component of the DHSc in the School of Nursing.
6. The Award is tenable by domestic students and by international students who are eligible to study under the PhD domestic tuition fees policy (see Note I).
7. The basis of selection will be academic merit as assessed by the student's recent academic record, the quality and nature of the candidate's Statement of Research Intent. 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. The following criterion may also inform selection: support for candidates who wish to work in i) areas of research where other sources of funding are difficult to find, and/or ii) on research projects of strategic importance to the Faculty of Medical and Health Sciences and the University's Strategic Goals.
8. The Award will be awarded by the University of Auckland Council on the recommendation of a Selection Committee comprising the Head of the School of Nursing (or nominee), Deputy Head of the School of Nursing (or nominee), the Associate Head Postgraduate Research of the School of Nursing (or nominee), the DHSc Programme Director, and one representative of the Donors.
9. The Award must be taken up within six months of the award, otherwise the Award offer will be forfeited (see Note II).
10. Award payments will commence from the doctoral enrolment date in the case of new students), or from the date recommended by the Selection Committee and approved by Scholarships Committee in the case of students who have already commenced their programme, and will provide support for up to 36 months of full-time study in accordance with Regulation 2. These durations will be pro-rated for part-time awardees.
11. Subject to Regulation 10, the Award shall be tenable until the date of either submission or 36 months of active full-time DHSc enrolment (or equivalent if part-time) or 48 months of active full-time PhD enrolment (or equivalent if part-time) from the doctoral enrolment date, whichever is the earlier.
12. Applicants may apply to suspend their Award for up to 12 months in total during the tenure of their award (see Notes III to IV).
13. The Award may not be held concurrently with any tuition fee-paying doctoral scholarship funded by Waipapa Taumata Rau, University of Auckland (including scholarships funded by faculties, LSRI's and URCs). However, the Award may be held with any other scholarship, award or grant provided the regulations for that scholarship, award or grant permit and 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 Award.
14. The University of Auckland Council, in consultation with the Head of the School of Nursing, has the power to terminate or suspend an Award if it receives a report of unsatisfactory progress by a Scholar from the Head of the School of Nursing.
15. 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.
16. The University of Auckland Council can amend or vary these Regulations, in consultation with the donors, provided that there is no departure from the main purpose of the Award.
17. Applications close with the Scholarships Office on 16 July in the year of the award.
18. Notes [I]-[V] are deemed to be Regulations.

## Notes

- I. International students are not eligible to pay domestic fees for the DHSc and thus are not eligible to hold the Award for that programme. 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.*
- II. To take up the Award means to commence doctoral enrolment and the tenure of the Award.*
- III. An additional 12-month parental-leave suspension may be considered where the holder becomes a parent during their tenure of the Scholarship.*
- IV. In exceptional circumstances Scholarships Committee may approve a suspension of this Scholarship beyond the suspension periods stated in Regulation 12 and Note III. Applications must be made in writing to Scholarships Office.*
- V. Awardees will be required to comply with the regulations for the Award 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 Award and require repayment of the funds received from the date of the breach.*