

# William Chick Doctoral Scholarship in Architecture

<b>Code:</b>	413
<b>Faculty:</b>	Engineering and Design
<b>Applicable study:</b>	PhD in Architecture
<b>Closing date:</b>	13 November 2025
<b>Tenure:</b>	Up to 36 months FTE
<b>For:</b>	Assistance with study
<b>Number on offer:</b>	One
<b>Offer rate:</b>	Annually
<b>Value:</b>	\$33,000 pa

## Description

The William Chick Doctoral Scholarship in Architecture was established in 2002 from the William Chick Scholarship Trust to assist students undertaking a course of study for a professional qualification in the practice of Architecture to undertake postgraduate study. William Chick desired to give students an opportunity to broaden their studies in New Zealand and overseas and be able to bring the knowledge and experience into their practice of architecture in New Zealand.

## 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 William Chick Doctoral Scholarship in Architecture.
2. One Scholarship shall be awarded annually and will comprise a tax-free stipend of up to \$33,000 per annum (see Note I) for up to 36 months of full-time equivalent (FTE) enrolment. Part-time students will be paid pro-rata for up to 72 months (see Note III).
3. The Scholarship may be awarded for full-time enrolment in a PhD in Architecture at Waipapa Taumata Rau, University of Auckland or at an approved overseas institution. The Scholarship may also be awarded to students for whom compassionate and compelling circumstances make part-time enrolment preferable (see Note III).
4. To be eligible for Scholarship consideration, an applicant must i) be a New Zealand Citizen or Permanent Resident (see Note IV), ii) be a graduate with a professional qualification in architecture from a New Zealand institution situated north of Huntly (see Note II), and iii) have met the requirements for entry to the PhD at Waipapa Taumata Rau, University of Auckland. Students who have already begun their PhD programme may also be considered for this Scholarship.
5. The basis of selection will be academic merit as assessed by the applicant's most recent academic record, and the quality and nature of the research proposal. Matters that may be considered in relation to academic merit include, but

are not limited to, a first-class 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 the School of Architecture and Planning (or nominee), the Faculty Graduate Adviser (or nominee) and one other Academic Staff member nominated by the Head of the School of Architecture and Planning. The final recommendations will be forwarded to Perpetual Guardian on behalf of the William Chick Scholarship Trust.
7. Awardees who have been offered a Scholarship must meet 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. To be paid the Scholarship, awardees must be either i) enrolled in a PhD in Architecture at Waipapa Taumata Rau, University of Auckland, or ii) enrolled in a Doctor of Philosophy in Architecture at an approved overseas institution.
9. The Scholarship will commence on the initial date of enrolment in the PhD programme in the case of new students, and from the date nominated 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. These durations shall be pro-rated for part-time Scholarship awardees (see Note III).
10. Subject to Regulation 9 and Note VII, the Scholarship shall be tenable until the date of submission or 48 months of active enrolment from the registration date, whichever is the earlier.
11. 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 VIII and IX).
12. The amount of additional and paid work a Scholar may undertake either inside or outside the University shall not exceed a total of 750 hours per 12-month period of scholarship tenure (see Notes III and X).
13. 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 William Chick Doctoral Scholarship in Architecture, whichever is the later (see Note XIII).
14. Scholarships Committee, in consultation with the Selection Committee, will determine if additional tuition fee, living stipend or top-up scholarships may be co-tenured with the William Chick Doctoral Scholarship (see Notes XI to XIII).
15. 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 (see Note I). Failure to comply with this regulation will result in the termination of the Scholarship.
16. A Scholarship may be withdrawn at any stage of the offer or tenure if incorrect, false or misleading information is provided by the applicant to the University as part of the programme and scholarship application to the University, or relevant information is withheld. This includes circumstances where the information is unrelated to the assessment in offering the Scholarship.
17. The University of Auckland Council, in consultation with the Trustee, has the power to terminate or suspend a Scholarship if it receives a report of unsatisfactory progress by a Scholar from the Head of the School of Architecture and Planning.
18. 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.
19. Appeals are not permitted against any decision or recommendation, or advice issued by the University of Auckland Council or by a duly constituted Selection Committee or by the Associate Dean (Postgraduate Research) (or nominee) regarding the award or tenure of a William Chick Doctoral Scholarship.
20. The University of Auckland Council can amend or vary these Regulations, in consultation with the Trustee, provided that there is no departure from the main purpose of the Scholarship.
21. Applications close with the Scholarships Office on 13 November in the year preceding the award.
22. Notes [I]-[XVI] 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. Graduates with a BArch or a MArch(Prof) or equivalent from a New Zealand institution situated north of Huntly, or an architect who is registered with the New Zealand Registered Architects Board may hold the Scholarship.
- III. 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 a year. However, awardees for whom compassionate or compelling circumstances make part-time enrolment preferable may apply to the Selection Committee, through 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 of doctoral work. Applicants will not be granted permission to hold a William Chick Doctoral Scholarship in Architecture on a part-time basis if they are undertaking full-time paid employment or substantial part-time employment. Students who hold a scholarship on a part-time basis are subject to the same employment restrictions as full-time scholarship holders (i.e. 750 hours per 12-month period); and are required to change to full-time enrolment if a change in their circumstances means they no longer qualify to hold the scholarship on a part-time basis.
- IV. New Zealand Permanent Residents have been granted a Permanent Resident Visa by Immigration New Zealand. For more information visit <https://www.immigration.govt.nz/new-zealand-visas/already-have-a-visa/becoming-a-permanent-resident>.
- V. To take up the Scholarship means to commence doctoral enrolment and the tenure of the scholarship.
- VI. PhD enrolments at Waipapa Taumata Rau, University of Auckland must commence on the first of the month.
- VII. Where a William Chick Doctoral Scholarship in Architecture is held at the time of conclusion of PhD enrolment or withdrawal from the PhD programme or termination of the awardee's doctoral candidature, tenure of the Scholarship will terminate, effective on the date determined by the Scholarships Committee in consultation with the Dean of Graduate Studies as warranted.
- VIII. An additional 12-month parental-leave suspension may be considered where the holder becomes a parent during the tenure of the Scholarship.
- IX. In exceptional circumstances Scholarships Committee may approve a suspension of this Scholarship beyond the suspension periods stated in Regulation 12 and Note VII. Applications must be made in writing to the Scholarships Office.
- X. Paid work that is part of an approved doctoral programme 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.
- XI. The William Chick Doctoral Scholarship in Architecture may not be held concurrently with any other doctoral scholarship funded by Waipapa Taumata Rau, University of Auckland (including scholarships funded by faculties, LSRI's or URCs). As per Note XII, awardees must notify the Scholarships Office of any change in their funding status.
- XII. Where co-tenure is approved, the combined stipend may not exceed 150% of the William Chick Doctoral Scholarship in Architecture 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 William Chick Doctoral Scholarship in Architecture stipend.
- 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. Where a backdated application to suspend a Scholarship has been approved, the student will be offered three options to repay any overpaid stipend payments: i) repay the total overpayment and normal stipend payments resume on the restart of both enrolment and the Scholarship, or ii) stipend payments do not resume on the restart of enrolment, and are stopped until such time as the equivalent value of the overpayments would have been paid, or iii) stipend payments are reduced until the equivalent value of the overpayments has been recovered.

- XV. 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.*
- XVI. 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.*