

Master's Research Scholarship Opportunity (MHSc or MPH)

LIFE with FASD: Supporting Individuals and Whānau Living with Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD)

We are seeking expressions of interest from prospective master's students interested in contributing to the Life with FASD project, a Health Research Council of New Zealand (HRC)-funded research project.

Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD) is a lifelong neurodevelopmental condition that can have significant impacts on individuals, families, and communities. The Life with FASD project aims to evaluate the effectiveness and implementation potential of a support programme for caregivers and whānau of individuals living with FASD in Aotearoa New Zealand. The research seeks to strengthen caregiver wellbeing, improve access to support, and generate evidence to inform future services and interventions.

The successful student will join a multidisciplinary team of researchers, community partners, and individuals with lived experience. The master's research project will contribute to the wider Life with FASD programme and may involve qualitative research, intervention evaluation, implementation research, evidence synthesis, or analysis of study data, depending on the student's interests and experience.

Eligibility

Applicants should be eligible to enrol in a research-based master's programme at the University of Auckland, such as a Master of Health Sciences (MHSc) or Master of Public Health (MPH).

Applicants with a background in Public Health, Psychology, Health Sciences, Nursing, Social Work, Education, Disability Studies, Māori and Pacific Health, Social Sciences, or related disciplines are encouraged to apply.

Scholarship Value

- Stipend of NZD \$20,000
- Tuition fees are not included and remain the responsibility of the student
- Available to a full-time master's student enrolled at the University of Auckland

The successful applicant must complete their University of Auckland enrolment before the scholarship can be awarded.

Expected Start Date

The project is expected to commence in 2027, with some flexibility depending on enrolment timing.

Further Information

For further information or to express interest, please contact:

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