



University of Auckland Doctoral Scholarship: FAQs

How do I apply?

It's easy! When you apply for a place at the University, you will have the opportunity to confirm whether or not you also wish to be considered for a University of Auckland Doctoral Scholarship — you don't need to apply separately. There are no scholarship "rounds" or application forms. This means you can apply for a place on a doctoral programme when you are ready, safe in the knowledge that you will also be assessed for the scholarship when your grades are confirmed. Scholarship offers will be made alongside offers of places in doctoral programmes.

What if I already have an offer of place?

Updated scholarship [regulations](#) have come into effect for new offers of place on doctoral programmes made on or after 1 October 2015. These new regulations apply to students, who are offered a doctoral place from 1 October 2015, and will be commencing their doctoral studies in 2016.

If you received an offer of a place for 2016 before 1 October 2015, you will not receive a University of Auckland Doctoral Scholarship. The Scholarships Office administers a large number of other scholarships, many of which are open to doctoral candidates, and we very much encourage you to investigate these. For further information on scholarships, visit www.auckland.ac.nz/scholarships.

I have already accepted a place for 2016 on the basis that I could apply for a University of Auckland Doctoral Scholarship. Should I retract my acceptance and reapply?

No. If you have already accepted a place in the University you will not be considered for a scholarship if you withdraw your current acceptance and apply again. Please note also that there is no guarantee that you will be offered a new place in the programme if you withdraw.

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How much is the University of Auckland Doctoral Scholarship worth?

Doctoral stipends have increased in value to \$27,000 p.a. plus fees, with the possibility of a six-month extension. There will be an annual cost-of-living adjustment to the doctoral stipend.

What are the requirements to be guaranteed a University of Auckland Doctoral Scholarship?

Scholarships are guaranteed for domestic students with a grade point average (GPA) of 8.0 ('A' grade) or higher in their most recent qualifying programme from a New Zealand university, who are applying for an approved doctorate at the University of Auckland.

Scholarships will also be guaranteed for Maori and domestic Pacific students who are citizens or permanent residents of New Zealand with a GPA of 7.5 or higher in their most recent qualifying programme from a New Zealand university.

What is a qualifying programme?

The qualifying programme is defined as the most recently completed programme of study that qualifies the applicant for entry to the doctoral programme for which they are applying.

What if my most recent qualifying programme is not from a New Zealand University?

High-achieving students, whose qualifying programme isn't from a New Zealand university, will be considered for but are not guaranteed a scholarship. The University will review the grades the student achieved in their qualifying programme and convert those into a University of Auckland equivalent.

I am studying/studied at another New Zealand tertiary institution. How will I be assessed for a University of Auckland Doctoral Scholarship?

Our Applications and Admissions team will convert your grades into a 'grade point equivalent' (GPE). If your GPE is 7.0 or above we'll consider you for a University of Auckland Doctoral Scholarship at the same time as we consider you for a place in the doctoral programme.

How many years of study are assessed when calculating the grade point average used to determine whether I am guaranteed a University of Auckland scholarship?

The University will use the grade point average or equivalent (GPA/E) obtained in your most recent qualifying programme to determine whether or not you are guaranteed or considered for a scholarship. The length of study included in the calculation will therefore depend on the length of the qualifying programme.

The only exception is where the most recent qualifying programme is an undergraduate honours degree; in which case the GPA/E will be calculated over the final two years of full-time study in the programme (or part-time equivalent).

Will international students be considered for the University of Auckland Doctoral Scholarships?

University of Auckland Doctoral Scholarships will continue to be awarded to international students each year. The University of Auckland Doctoral Scholarships are open to all high-achieving international students applying for a PhD at the University of Auckland. The University will review the grades the student achieved in their qualifying programme and convert those into a University of Auckland equivalent as part of their assessment.

Are part-time doctoral students eligible for University of Auckland Doctoral Scholarships?

Yes they are and the value of the award is prorated. However, students won't be permitted to hold scholarships on a part-time basis if they wish to undertake full-time employment or substantial part-time employment.

How long do I have to accept the offer of a University of Auckland Doctoral Scholarship?

You will be emailed your offer of a scholarship either

- a. when you receive a firm offer of place, or
- b. when your doctoral registration is confirmed after you have satisfied the conditions of a conditional offer of place.

In both cases you will be directed to an online form that you need to complete in order to accept the scholarship offer. You need to do this within two weeks of the date of the email containing your scholarship offer.

I have been offered a University of Auckland Doctoral Scholarship. When do I need to start my studies?

If you are a domestic student you must be enrolled at the University within three months of the date of scholarship offer, otherwise the scholarship will lapse. *Doctor of Clinical Psychology* and *Doctor of Education* students must be enrolled by the next available start date of those programmes, or the scholarship

offer will lapse. If you are an international student, you must be enrolled at the University within six months of the date of the scholarship offer; otherwise the scholarship offer will lapse.

Your doctoral enrolment must commence on the first day of the month.

What if I don't meet the GPA requirements?

In addition to [University of Auckland Doctoral Scholarships](#), domestic and international doctoral students enrolled in or intending to enrol in doctoral study at the University of Auckland, are encouraged to apply for other scholarships offered by both the University and generous donors and organisations. You can find a list of these on the [Scholarships website](#).

Can't find the answer to your question?

Visit [AskAuckland](#) or email the Scholarships Office: scholarships@auckland.ac.nz