

Policy and Procedures for University of Auckland Doctoral Scholarship Extensions (Domestic and International)

The University of Auckland Doctoral Scholarship provides support for up to 36 months of study. In December 2005 it was announced that a further six months of scholarship funding, subject to Scholarships Committee (SC) approval, may be available to eligible scholarship recipients (refer to Regulation 10 and Note xxiii of the University of Auckland Doctoral Scholarship [regulations](#)).

In some circumstances (see below), recipients of other doctoral scholarships may also be eligible for an extension of up to six months. Recipients of foreign government funding, though, are not eligible for a University of Auckland Doctoral Scholarship Extension.

The University of Auckland may award extensions of up to six months scholarship funding to domestic and international candidates who meet the following criteria:

- a) held at least 24 months and no more than 36 months of scholarship funding (excluding foreign government funding) (see note i);
- b) held a first-class academic record i.e. a two year Scholarships GPA or GPE of 7.00 or above if awarded the scholarship before 1 October 2015, or a Qualifying Programme GPA or GPE of 7.00 or above if awarded the scholarship from 1 October 2015 onwards (see note ii);
- c) the annual value (including stipend, fees and any other payments) of the former source of funding held by the student must be at least 80% of the current annual value of a University of Auckland Doctoral Scholarship;
- d) are not undertaking a 360 point doctoral programme (e.g. Doctor of Clinical Psychology) unless there are significant extenuating circumstances;
- e) have completed at least 33 months of doctoral enrolment at the time of application for the extension;
- f) are in compliance with the appropriate PhD Statute under which the candidate is currently enrolled;
- g) the candidate has made an application in accordance with the requirements below.

Eligible scholarship recipients who have completed at least 33 months of doctoral enrolment may apply for up to six months additional funding. SC may award extensions to students who they believe will submit their thesis (plus complete any required exhibition or performance) within 48 months of active full-time enrolment since the date of registration. Periods of suspension are not counted towards the 48 months.

If a student believes they meet the criteria for an extension they must contact the Scholarships Office and provide SC with the following:

- a personal statement outlining the basis of their request (max.500 words);
- supporting documentation;
- a timeline indicating plans and dates for completion of all outstanding doctoral work, from date of request until submission;

- the planned submission date;
- bank details for payment;
- endorsement by the main supervisor, including specific confirmation that the planned thesis submission date is feasible;
- endorsement by the relevant Academic Head. If the main supervisor is also the Academic Head, endorsement is required from the Associate Dean (Postgraduate).

SC will also consider the student's most recent Doctoral Annual Report in making its decision.

Notes:

- i) The 36 month limit on scholarship funding may be varied where the Scholarships Committee is satisfied that a scholarship provider has granted an extension of less than 6 months to a scholarship with a standard duration of 36 months, as a result of disruptions arising from COVID-19. In such cases, the combined period of scholarship extension must not exceed 6 months.*
- ii) If the Scholarships GPA or GPE calculation does not cover the qualifying programme, additional supporting information may be requested to ensure that the full qualifying programme has a GPA or GPE of 7.00 or above.*
- iii) In cases of socially compelling personal circumstances, domestic students may apply to hold their University of Auckland Doctoral Scholarship Extension on a part-time basis. Socially compelling reasons include a) carer responsibilities for: pre-school and/or school-aged children; an invalid or disabled family/whanau member; or b) medical condition(s), impairment(s) or disabilities. Applicants will not be granted permission to hold a University of Auckland Doctoral Scholarship Extension on a part-time basis if they wish to undertake full time paid employment or substantial part-time employment.*
- iv) Timeframes will be pro-rated to accommodate periods of part-time enrolment or suspension.*

To Apply:

Click the online application form link [here](#).

Queries:

Email scholarships@auckland.ac.nz