

Dean's International Doctoral Scholarship (FMHS)

Code:	640
Faculty:	Medical and Health Sciences
Applicable study:	International PhD students in the Faculty of Medical and Health Sciences
Closing date:	By nomination
Tenure:	Up to 36 months (see Reg. 2)
For:	Assistance with costs associated with doctoral study
Number on offer:	Three
Offer rate:	Annually – next available in 2024
Value:	Up to \$33,000 stipend pa for 2023 plus compulsory tuition fees, relocation grant, and health insurance

Description

The Dean's International Doctoral Scholarship (FMHS) was established in 2011 and is funded by the Faculty of Medical and Health Sciences at the University of Auckland Waipapa Taumata Rau.

The main purpose of the Scholarship is to attract international students of high calibre to pursue their first doctoral degree in the Faculty of Medical and Health Sciences.

Selection process

- Nomination is made to the Scholarships Office
- The Scholarship is awarded by the University of Auckland Council on the recommendation of the Selection Committee

Regulations

1. The Scholarship will be known as the Dean's International Doctoral Scholarship (FMHS).
2. Up to three Scholarships will be awarded annually, each for a period of up to three years, and will include a fortnightly stipend of up to \$33,000 per annum in 2023, with an annual cost of living adjustment to the stipend value, plus compulsory fees, compulsory international student health cover and a one-off relocation grant of \$3,000 (see Note II).
3. Students will be considered for the award of a Dean's International Doctoral Scholarship (FMHS) at the time of application for admission to their first doctorate, a PhD degree in the Faculty of Medical and Health Sciences at the University of Auckland Waipapa Taumata Rau. Students who already have a doctorate are not eligible for consideration for the Scholarship. Students who have already been admitted to their doctoral programme are not eligible for consideration for the Scholarship.
4. To be eligible for Scholarship consideration, candidates must be i) an international student (see Note I), ii) comply with the requirements of the domestic fees policy for PhD students, and who meet all the requirements of these regulations (see Note III), and iii), subject to Regulation 3, be enrolling full-time in a PhD in the Faculty of Medical and Health Sciences. Where a qualifying programme with a grade point average (GPA) or grade point equivalent (GPE) is the basis of entry to the PhD, a candidate must have a GPA/GPE of at least 7.00 in that programme to be eligible

for scholarship consideration (see Note V).

5. The basis of selection will be academic merit 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, academic record, standing of awarding institution, academic references, CV and research and publication record (see Note V). Strategic factors may also be taken into consideration.
6. The Scholarship will be awarded by the University of Auckland Council on the recommendation of a Selection Committee comprising the Dean of the Faculty of Medical and Health Sciences (or nominee), the Associate Dean (Postgraduate) (or nominee), and the Senior International Manager from the Faculty of Medical and Health Sciences (or nominee), and a representative from the Board of Graduate Studies.
7. Awardees will be required to enrol within five months of the date their unconditional programme offer, or by 1 December in the year of offer, whichever take-up date is sooner, otherwise the Scholarship offer will lapse. Awardees must also meet all requirements of their admission and scholarship offer before any payments will be made.
8. The Dean's International Doctoral Scholarship (FMHS) will provide support for up to 36 months of study and payments will commence from the doctoral enrolment date. The Scholarship will consist of a fortnightly stipend, an annual tuition fees credit, a one-off relocation grant and health insurance. The relocation grant will be paid on receipt of evidence of costs associated with relocation to commence the doctorate. A further six months of scholarship funding, subject to Scholarships Committee approval, may be available.
9. A Dean's International Doctoral Scholarship (FMHS) may not be held concurrently with any other doctoral scholarship funded by the University of Auckland, or with any postgraduate scholarship, award or grant awarded by the Universities New Zealand Committee, Tertiary Education Commission, New Zealand Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade, Asian Development Bank, Education New Zealand or any other New Zealand government or foreign government-funded scholarships or grants. However, it may be held with any other scholarship, award or grant where the regulations for that award or grant permit, and where the University of Auckland Council is informed and approves, up to up to an additional maximum of 75% of the stipend value of the Dean's International Doctoral Scholarship (FMHS). If the value of the co-tenured scholarship exceeds 75% of the Dean's International Doctoral Scholarship (FMHS) stipend value, the emolument for the Dean's International Doctoral Scholarship (FMHS) will be reduced to limit the additional co-tenured value to 75% of the Dean's International Doctoral Scholarship (FMHS) stipend value. 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 Scholarship.
10. To comply with the full-time study requirement in Regulation 4, the amount of additional and paid work a Scholar may undertake either inside or outside the University shall not exceed a total of 500 hours per year (see Note VIII).
11. The University of Auckland Council, in consultation with the Dean of the Faculty of Medical and Health Sciences, has the power to terminate or suspend a Scholarship if it receives a report of unsatisfactory progress of a Scholar from the Board of Graduate Studies.
12. The University of Auckland Council is not obliged to make an award if it is determined there are no candidates that meet the criteria and/or no candidates of sufficient merit.
13. The University of Auckland Waipapa Taumata Rau can amend or vary these Regulations, in consultation with the Dean of the Faculty of Medical and Health Sciences, provided that there is no departure from the main purpose of the Scholarship.
14. Notes [I]-[VIII] below are deemed to be regulations.

Notes

- I. *International students are students who are neither citizens, permanent residents nor resident visa holders of New Zealand or Australia.*
- II. *Tuition/Compulsory fees are only those related to the relevant programme of study, plus Student Services Fee and Building Levy. In addition, the single student Health Insurance compulsory charge (as detailed on the tuition fees invoice) is covered by the Scholarship for the duration of the programme.*

- III. *To be eligible to pay domestic PhD fees, awardees who are 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 PhD and only for the purposes of conducting research.*
- IV. *The award of the Scholarship is conditional upon the ability of the University of Auckland and the Faculty of Medical and Health Sciences to provide adequate supervision and resources.*
- V. *Where a qualifying programme is entirely pass/fail, the University may generate a GPA only where the programme consists entirely of a thesis. Where the qualifying programme is an undergraduate honours degree (or equivalent undergraduate degree or integrated undergraduate and postgraduate degree or MBChB), the GPA/GPE will be calculated over the final two years of full-time study (or equivalent) in the programme. In all other cases, the GPA/GPE will be calculated over the entirety of the qualifying programme.*
- VI. *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 and funding status. The University of Auckland Waipapa Taumata Rau may, in the event 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.*
- VII. *Paid work that is undertaken as part of an approved University of Auckland Internship is not counted towards the 500 hours of additional paid work that a Scholar may undertake while in receipt of a scholarship.*
- VIII. *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. Failure to comply with this regulation will result in the termination of the Scholarship.*