

# Francis Small Scholarship

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| <b>Code:</b>             | 836   |
| <b>Faculty:</b>          | Engineering   |
| <b>Applicable study:</b> | Masters Research in a topic related to Civil, Electrical, Mechanical or Chemical Engineering (see Reg. 3) |
| <b>Closing date:</b>     | 23 January 2025   |
| <b>Tenure:</b>           | One year  |
| <b>For:</b>              | Assistance  |
| <b>Number on offer:</b>  | One   |
| <b>Offer rate:</b>       | Biennially  |
| <b>Value:</b>            | Up to \$20,000  |

## Description

The Scholarship was established in 2015 by Dr Francis Small, who graduated with a ME and PhD in Civil Engineering from the University of Auckland. This led to a successful career and he became the Managing Director of New Zealand Rail and Tranz Rail Ltd. His wish is to enable others to study for an ME and experience the opportunities that this will create for them.

The main purpose of the Scholarship is to assist a student to undertake research masters study in Engineering, especially where this funding would make a significant contribution to their financial needs. This Scholarship is shared with the University of Canterbury and therefore will be offered to Waipapa Taumata Rau | University of Auckland students on a biennial basis.

## 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 Francis Small Scholarship.
2. One Scholarship will be awarded biennially, for a period of one year, and will be of the value of up to \$20,000.
3. To be eligible for Scholarship consideration, an applicant must be i) a New Zealand Citizen or Permanent Resident, and ii) enrolled, or enrolling, full-time in a masters thesis with a points value of at least 90 points in a Master of Engineering (Research), a Master of Aerospace Engineering, or a Master of Earthquake Engineering (Research) in a topic related to Civil, Electrical, Mechanical or Chemical Engineering. Students who are enrolled in a masters programme of more than 120 points must be enrolled in the thesis or research component at the time of take-up of the Scholarship to be eligible for consideration. A grade point average (GPA) or grade point equivalent (GPE) of at least 6.00 (5.50 for Māori or Pacific candidates) in the most recent qualifying programme is required for Scholarship

consideration (see Note II).

4. The basis of selection will be academic merit as assessed by the grade point average (GPA) or grade point equivalent (GPE) calculated over the most recently completed qualifying programme (see Note II), the quality and nature of the proposed research, the applicant's potential to contribute to the engineering industry and demonstrated financial need as assessed by the criteria at Note III and a personal statement.
5. 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 Engineering (or nominee), one member of Academic Staff from the Faculty of Engineering, appointed by the Dean of the Faculty of Engineering and one representative of the Engineering New Zealand Foundation.
6. The Scholarship will be paid as a fortnightly stipend. Stipend payments will commence in Semester One, as soon as is practical after confirmation of the awardee's enrolment (that is, after the final date on which a student may add or delete courses without incurring a late enrolment fee).
7. To be paid the Scholarship, the awardee must be i) enrolled full-time in a masters thesis with a points value of at least 90 points, and ii) undertaking research in a topic related to Civil, Electrical, Mechanical or Chemical Engineering.
8. The Scholarship may be held concurrently with any other scholarship, award or grant as long as the regulations for that scholarship, award or grant permit and the University of Auckland Council is informed and approves. 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.
9. 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.
10. The University of Auckland Council has the power to terminate or suspend a Scholarship if it receives a report of unsatisfactory progress by a Scholar from the Associate Dean (Postgraduate – Research) of the Faculty of Engineering.
11. The University of Auckland Council can amend or vary these Regulations, in consultation with the Engineering New Zealand Foundation, provided that there is no departure from the main purpose of the Scholarship.
12. Applications close with the Scholarships Office on 23 January in the year of the award.
13. Notes [I] to [VII] below are deemed to be regulations.

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- I. *The tax-free status of this Scholarship is under current legislation. The University of Auckland cannot guarantee this tax-free outcome.*
- II. *The most recently completed qualifying programme is defined as the most recently completed programme of study that qualifies the applicant for entry to the research masters programme for which they are applying. Where the most recently completed programme is a conjoint programme the GPA/GPE will be calculated over the relevant component of the conjoint programme. The maximum approved exchange or transfer credit that can be excluded from the GPA/GPE calculation for the qualifying programme is 60 points. Where a bridging programme, including a Transitional Certificate, Graduate Diploma or Certificate of Proficiency, is required to qualify the applicant for entry to the postgraduate programme for which they are applying or are currently enrolled, the qualifying programme is the bridging programme and the most recently completed prior programme.*
- III. *Financial need will be determined by a range of factors including previous eligibility for a StudyLink Student Allowance, and personal and financial circumstances.*
- IV. *In making a recommendation for this Scholarship the Selection Committee shall take into account other scholarships, bursaries and awards held by the candidates, with a view to achieving a fair distribution of monies among qualifying candidates.*
- V. *Payments under the terms of this Scholarship remain tax-free as long as they are used directly 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.*

- VI. Awardees will be required to comply with the regulations for the Scholarship and must notify the Scholarships Office of any changes in their enrolment 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.*
- VII. Awardees will be required to submit a brief final report outlining their research and key findings to the Scholarships Office at the conclusion of their study.*