

George McWhirter Memorial Scholarship

Code:	963
Faculty:	Arts Creative Arts and Industries
Applicable study:	Dissertation or thesis relating to housing issues
Closing date:	5 March 2024
Tenure:	One year
For:	Assistance with study
Number on offer:	One or more
Offer rate:	Annually
Value:	Up to \$10,000 in total

Description

The Scholarship was established in 2018 by Dianne Sisley (Long) in memory of her grandfather George Edward McWhirter, who was a politically aware, socially minded Massey farmer, a New Lynn councillor, and a builder of state houses in the 1940s.

The intention of the Scholarship is to encourage and support postgraduate research, and raise awareness of state housing, homelessness, the politics of social housing and public policy causes and effects in these areas in New Zealand.

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 will be known as the George McWhirter Memorial Scholarship.
2. One or more Scholarships will be awarded annually, for a period of up to one year and will be of the value of up to \$10,000 in total.
3. To be eligible for Scholarship consideration, applicants must be i) a citizen or permanent resident of New Zealand, ii) enrolled, or enrolling, in either a) a thesis or dissertation with a value of at least 45 points in the Faculty of Arts, or b) a Master of Housing Studies (MHousSt), a Master of Architecture (Professional) and Housing Studies (MArch(Prof)HousSt, or a Master of Urban Planning (Professional) and Housing Studies (MUrbPlan(Prof)HousSt), including ARCHHTC History of Housing in Aotearoa New Zealand, or c) a Master of Urban Planning (Professional) (MUrbPlan(Prof)) including a dissertation, at the University of Auckland, and iii) undertaking research in the general area of state housing, homelessness, the politics of social housing and public policy causes and effects in these areas in New Zealand. A grade point average (GPA) or grade point equivalent (GPE) of at least 7.00 (6.50 for Māori

and Pacific candidates) is required for Scholarship consideration (see Note I).

4. The basis of selection will be academic merit as assessed by the GPA or GPE calculated over the most recently completed qualifying programme (see Note I) and the relevance of the proposed research.
5. The Scholarship will be awarded by the University of Auckland Council on the recommendation of a Selection Committee comprising the Associate Dean (Postgraduate Research) of the Faculty of Arts (or nominee), the Associate Dean (Postgraduate Research) of the Faculty of Creative Arts and Industries (or nominee), and a representative of the donor.
6. To be paid the Scholarship, awardees must be enrolled in either a) a thesis or dissertation with a value of at least 45 point in the Faculty of Arts, or b) an MHousSt, an MArch(Prof)HousSt, an MUrbPlan(Prof)HousSt, including ARCHHTC History of Housing in Aotearoa New Zealand, or an MUrbPlan(Prof) including a dissertation.
7. Payment will be made in two equal instalments in Semester One and Two, 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.
8. The George McWhirter Memorial Scholarship may be held concurrently with any other scholarship, award or grant where the Regulations for that scholarship, award or grant permit and where 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 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.
10. The University of Auckland Council has the power to terminate or suspend a Scholarship if it receives a report of unsatisfactory progress of a Scholar from the Associate Dean (Postgraduate Research) of the Faculty of Arts or of the Faculty of Creative Arts and Industries.
11. The University of Auckland Council can amend or vary these Regulations, in consultation with the donor, provided that there is no departure from the main purpose of the Scholarship.
12. Applications close with the Scholarships Office on 5 March in the year of the award.
13. Notes [I] – [III] below are deemed to be Regulations.

Notes

- I. The most recent qualifying programme is defined as the most recently completed programme of study that qualifies the applicant for entry to the postgraduate 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 the most recently completed programme is a Transitional Certificate, the qualifying programme is the Transitional Certificate and the most recently completed prior degree.*
- II. 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 to assist the awardee with living costs while studying. Failure to comply with this regulation will result in the termination of the Scholarship.*
- III. Awardees will be required to comply with the regulations for the Scholarship and will notify the Scholarships Office of any change in their enrolment or funding status. The 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.*