

Matthew S. Abel PhD Scholarship

Code:	612
Faculty:	Business School
Applicable study:	PhD in the University of Auckland Business School
Closing date:	26 March 2025
Tenure:	Up to 36 months (see Reg 2)
For:	Assistance
Number on offer:	Up to two
Offer rate:	Annually
Value:	Up to \$30,000 pa

Description

The Scholarship was established in 2009 and is funded by the MSA Charitable Trust.

The main purpose of the Scholarship is to support PhD students at the University of Auckland Business School who are undertaking research in either the global competitiveness of New Zealand businesses; applied economics or business problems that are directly relevant to New Zealand businesses; macroeconomics; or interactions between Asian and New Zealand businesses.

Selection process

- Application is made to the Scholarships Office
- A Selection Committee assesses the applications
- Short-listed candidates may be asked to attend an interview with the selection committee
- 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 Matthew S. Abel PhD Scholarship.
2. Up to two Scholarships will be awarded annually, for a period of up to three years, and will comprise a tax-free stipend of up to \$30,000 per annum (see Note V).
3. To be eligible for Scholarship consideration, an applicant must be i) enrolled, or enrolling, full-time in a PhD at the University of Auckland Business School and ii) be undertaking research in any of the following areas: a) the global competitiveness of New Zealand businesses; b) applied economics or business problems that are directly relevant to New Zealand businesses; c) macroeconomics; d) interactions between Asian and New Zealand businesses. Where a completed programme with a grade point average (GPA) or grade point equivalent (GPE) is the basis for entry to the PhD, a candidate must have a GPA/GPE of at least 7.00 (6.50 for Māori and Pacific candidates) in that programme to be eligible for scholarship consideration. Where a qualifying programme is entirely pass/fail, the University may generate a GPA only where the programme consists entirely of a thesis (see Note II).
4. The Scholarship is tenable by domestic and international students.

5. The basis of selection will be academic merit; the quality and nature of the research proposal; and an assessment of the applicant's ability to complete the thesis in a timely manner. Matters that may be considered in relation to academic merit include, but are not limited to, academic record, standing of awarding institute, academic references, CV and research and publication record. Consideration will also be given to leadership potential, potential contribution to industry, past study and experience in areas relevant to the proposed topic, written and verbal communication capabilities, interpersonal abilities, project management skills and demonstrated skills as a self-starter.
6. The Scholarship will be awarded by the University of Auckland Council on the recommendation of a Selection Committee comprising the Dean of the University of Auckland Business School (or nominee), the Associate Dean (Postgraduate Research) of the University of Auckland Business School (or nominee) and one other professor from a discipline different from that of the Associate Dean (Postgraduate Research) and any Dean's nominee. The donor will also have the right to nominate a representative if the Donor so chooses.
7. The Scholarship will be paid as a fortnightly stipend.
8. The Scholarship will provide support for up to 36 months of study and payment will commence from the doctoral registration date in the case of new students, and from the date nominated by the Selection Committee and approved by the Scholarships Committee, in the case of students who have already commenced their programme. A further six months of scholarship funding, subject to Scholarships Committee approval, may be available.
9. Subject to Regulation 8, the Scholarship shall be tenable until the date of either submission or 48 months of active enrolment from the doctoral enrolment date, whichever is the earlier.
10. To comply with the full-time study requirement in Regulation 3, the amount of additional and paid work a PhD student may undertake must not exceed 500 hours per year. International students must comply with the maximum number of additional and paid hours set by Immigration New Zealand (see Note V).
11. The 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.
12. The University of Auckland Council, in consultation with the Donor, has the power to terminate or suspend a Scholarship if it receives a report of unsatisfactory progress of a Scholar from the Director of the University of Auckland Business School PhD Programme, a Head of Department or the thesis supervisor.
13. 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.
14. The University of Auckland Council can amend or vary these Regulations, in consultation with the Donor, provided there is no departure from the main purpose of the Scholarship.
15. Applications close with the Scholarships Office on 26 March in the year of the award.
16. Notes [I]-[VI] below are deemed to be regulations.

Notes

- I. It is strongly recommended that potential applicants discuss the Scholarship with the Scholarships Officer at the University of Auckland Business School's Postgraduate and Research Office and complete a Doctoral EOI prior to making a written application.*
- II. The award of the Scholarship is conditional upon the ability of the University of Auckland and the Business School to provide adequate supervision and resources.*
- III. Where the qualifying programme is an undergraduate honours degree (or equivalent undergraduate degree or integrated undergraduate and postgraduate degree), the grade GPA or 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.*
- IV. 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 or funding status. Waipapa Taumata Rau, University of Auckland 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.

- V. Paid work that is undertaken as part of an approved University of Auckland Internship, is not counted towards the 500 hours of additional and paid work that a Scholar may undertake while in receipt of a scholarship.*
- VI. 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.*