

Odyssey Addiction Research Scholarship

Code:	1084
Faculty:	Medical and Health Sciences
Applicable study:	Masters thesis or PhD in research related to Addiction
Closing date:	1 May 2024
Tenure:	One year
For:	Assistance with study
Number on offer:	One or more
Offer rate:	Annually
Value:	Up to \$15,000 for PhD and up to \$5,000 for masters

Description

The Scholarship was established in 2020 and is funded by Odyssey, a not-for-profit organisation focussed on helping New Zealanders overcome alcohol, drug and gambling addiction problems.

The main purpose of the Scholarship is to encourage and support a masters thesis or PhD student in the Faculty of Medical and Health Sciences at Waipapa Taumata Rau, University of Auckland who is undertaking research, based at Odyssey, that will add and build knowledge for treatment and interventions offered to New Zealanders with mental health and addiction challenges.

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 Odyssey Addiction Research Scholarship.
2. One or more Scholarship will be awarded, for a period of up to one year, and will be of the value of up to \$15,000 for PhD study and up to \$5,000 for masters study. Payments and tenure will be pro-rated for part-time students.
3. To be eligible for Scholarship consideration, an applicant must be i) a New Zealand Citizen or Permanent Resident, ii) enrolled, or enrolling, full-time or part-time at Waipapa Taumata Rau, University of Auckland in a masters thesis of at least 90 points or a PhD and iii) undertaking research into addiction. Research projects will be aligned to Odyssey services and will be congruent with Odyssey values (the pillars) and recovery approaches (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 recent qualifying programme (see Notes III and IV), and the alignment of the research to the aims and objectives of Odyssey (see Note II).
5. The Scholarship will be awarded by the University of Auckland Council on the recommendation of a Selection Committee comprising the Director of the Centre for Addiction Research in the Faculty of Medical and Health

Sciences (or nominee), an Associate Director of the Centre for Addiction Research (or nominee) and a representative of Odyssey.

6. The Scholarship will be paid as a fortnightly stipend or a lump sum in the first semester of enrolment, dependent on the value awarded, 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, awardees must be i) enrolled in either a masters thesis of at least 90 points or a PhD, and ii) undertaking research into addiction.
8. The Scholarship may be held 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 and grant funding received and for which the awardee receives payment while also in payment for this Scholarship.
9. 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 Medical and Health Sciences.
10. 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.
11. 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.
12. 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.
13. Applications close with the Scholarships Office on 1 May in the year of the award.
14. Notes [I]-[VI] below are deemed to be regulations.

Notes

- I. The tax-free status of this Scholarship is under current legislation. The University of Auckland cannot guarantee this tax-free outcome.*
- II. The research will be Odyssey based and will inform and improve current practice, provide opportunity to showcase Odyssey work through publication and/or presentation and contribute to evidence-based practice. Further information on Odyssey can be found at www.Odyssey.org.nz.*
- III. For the purposes of a masters thesis programme, the most recent 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 qualifying 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.*
- IV. For the purposes of a PhD programme, where the qualifying programme is an undergraduate honours degree (or equivalent undergraduate degree or integrated undergraduate and postgraduate degree) the GPA/GPE will be calculated over the final two years of full-time graded study (or equivalent) in the programme. In all other cases, the GPA/GPE will be calculated over the entirety of the programme.*
- V. Masters students may take up the Scholarship in either Semester One or Two. In order to take up the Scholarship, PhD students must enrol within six months of the scholarship offer, otherwise the scholarship offer will lapse.*
- 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 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.*