Pratt-Ritschl Award in Theology, Religious Studies and Philosophical Theology

Code:	1038
Faculty:	Arts
Applicable study:	Postgraduate study in Theological and Religious Studies or Philosophy
Closing date:	By nomination
Tenure:	One year
For:	Assistance with study
Number on offer:	One
Offer rate:	Annually
Value:	$1,000

Description

The Award was established in 2019 and is funded by Professor Douglas Pratt, Honorary Academic in the disciplinary area of Theological and Religious Studies, in recognition of Dietrich Ritschl, a Swiss scholar of religion who was instrumental in setting Professor Pratt on his academic path.

The main purpose of the Award is to support a postgraduate student in the Faculty of Arts at Waipapa Taumata Rau | University of Auckland who is undertaking research in contemporary issues in theology, religious studies and philosophical theology including secularism, religious diversity, religion and politics, religion and contemporary society, inter-religious studies, Christian-Muslim relations and religious ethics.

Selection process

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

Regulations

1. The Award will be known as the Pratt-Ritschl Award in Theology, Religious Studies and Philosophical Theology.
2. One Award will be made annually and will be of the value of $1,000.
3. A student may receive the Award no more than twice during the entire period of their postgraduate enrolment at Waipapa Taumata Rau | University of Auckland.
4. To be eligible for Award consideration, a candidate must be i) enrolled, or enrolling, in a postgraduate research programme or a postgraduate programme including a research course with a value of at least 30 points in the Faculty of Arts, and ii) undertaking research in Theological and Religious Studies relating to at least one of the following topics: secularism, religious diversity, religion and politics, religion and contemporary society, inter-religious studies, Christian-Muslim relations, philosophical theology and religious ethics. If no candidate is apparent in the disciplinary area of Theological and Religious Studies, the Award may be made to a suitable candidate in the disciplinary area of

Philosophy whose research relates to secularism, religious diversity, religion and politics, religion and contemporary society, inter-religious studies, Christian-Muslim relations, philosophical theology or religious ethics.

5. The basis of selection will be academic achievement and the relevance of the candidate's research to the topics listed in Regulation 4. Matters that may be considered in relation to academic achievement include, but are not limited to, the grade point average (GPA) or grade point equivalent (GPE) calculated over the most recent qualifying programme, papers prepared for publication, draft chapters related to the research or research proposal (see Note II).
6. The Award will be made by the University of Auckland Council on the recommendation of a Selection Committee comprising the Deputy Head (Academic) of the School of Humanities (or nominee) in consultation with the Major/Specialisation Leaders of Theological and Religious Studies and Philosophy (or their nominees).
7. The Award may not be shared.
8. The Award will be paid in one lump sum in Semester One or 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).
9. To be paid the Award, the awardee must be i) enrolled in a postgraduate research programme or a postgraduate programme including a research course with a value of at least 30 points, and ii) undertaking research in at least one of the topics listed in Regulation 4.
10. The Award 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 Award.
11. 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.
12. Payments under the terms of this Award 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 (see Note I). Failure to comply with this regulation will result in the termination of the Award.
13. The University of Auckland Council can amend or vary these regulations provided that there is no departure from the main purpose of the Award.
14. Notes [I]-[IV] 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 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 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 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. Awardees will be required to comply with the regulations for the Award 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 that it can be establish that an awardee is not complying with these regulations, terminate the Award and require repayment of the funds received.