

# School of Environment Masters Thesis Scholarship for Māori Students

<b>Code:</b>	674
<b>Faculty:</b>	Science
<b>Applicable study:</b>	Masters Thesis in the School of Environment
<b>Closing date:</b>	By nomination
<b>Tenure:</b>	Up to one year of full-time study (or equivalent)
<b>For:</b>	Assistance with study
<b>Number on offer:</b>	One or more
<b>Offer rate:</b>	Annually
<b>Value:</b>	Up to \$5,000 each plus compulsory fees

## Description

The Scholarship was established in 2011 and is funded by the School of Environment.

The main purpose of the Scholarship is to encourage high-achieving Māori students to continue their studies by undertaking masters thesis study in the School of Environment at the University of Auckland.

## Selection process

- Nomination is made to the Scholarships Office
- 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 School of Environment Masters Thesis Scholarship for Māori Students.
2. One or more Scholarships shall be offered annually for a period of one year of equivalent full-time study, and will be of the value of up to \$5,000 plus compulsory fees. The Scholarship may be taken up in either Semester One or Semester Two in the year of the award (see Notes II and III). Payments to part-time students will be on a pro-rata basis.
3. To be eligible for Scholarship consideration, a candidate must be i) Māori, ii) a New Zealand Citizen or Permanent Resident (see Note IV), iii) enrolled, or enrolling, full-time or part-time in the School of Environment in the thesis component of either a) a Master of Arts in Geography, b) a Master of Science in Earth Sciences, Environmental Management, Environmental Science, Geography or Geophysics, or c) the thesis component with a points value of at least 90 points in a 180 point masters degree offered by the School of Environment at Waipapa Taumata Rau, University of Auckland. Students who are enrolled in a masters programme of more than 120 points must be enrolled in the thesis 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 4.00 in the applicant's most recent qualifying programme is required for Scholarship consideration (see Note V).

4. The basis of selection will be academic achievement as assessed by the Grade Point Average (GPA) or Grade Point Equivalent (GPE) calculated over the most recent qualifying programme (see Note V).
5. The Scholarship shall be awarded by the University of Auckland Council on the recommendation of a Selection Committee comprising the Director of the School of Environment (or nominee), the Head of Postgraduate Research (or nominee) and one other member of the academic staff of the School of Environment nominated by the Director of the School of Environment.
6. The Scholarship will be paid as a tuition fees credit and in two equal instalments in each semester, commencing in the first semester of enrolment following the award of this Scholarship, 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). Payments to part-time students will be on a pro-rata basis.
7. To be paid the Scholarship, awardees must be enrolled full-time or part-time in the School of Environment in the thesis component with a points value of at least 90 points in either a) a Master of Arts in Geography, b) a Master of Science in Earth Sciences, Environmental Management, Environmental Science, Geography or Geophysics, or c) another masters degree offered by the School of Environment.
8. A Scholarship shall automatically cease to be available to a student who through withdrawal or failure to meet any programme requirements is no longer eligible to pursue the programme of study for which the Scholarship has been offered.
9. The Scholarship may not be held in conjunction with a University of Auckland Research Masters Scholarship or a University of Auckland Māori Postgraduate Scholarship. However, 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 and grant funding received and for which the awardee receives payment while also in payment for this Scholarship.
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. The University of Auckland Council has the power to terminate or suspend a Scholarship if it receives a report of unsatisfactory academic progress by a Scholar from the Head of the School of Environment.
12. 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 (see Note I). Failure to comply with this regulation will result in the termination of the Scholarship.
13. The University of Auckland Council can amend these Regulations, in consultation with the School of Environment, provided there is no departure from the main purpose of the Scholarship.
14. Notes [I]-[VI] below are deemed to be regulations.

## Notes

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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. *Compulsory fees are only those related to the relevant programme of study, plus Student Services Fee.*
- III. *To be eligible for this Scholarship, students must apply for admission to the masters programme in the School of Environment by the closing date.*
- IV. *New Zealand Permanent Residents have been granted a Permanent Resident Visa by Immigration New Zealand. For more information visit <https://www.immigration.govt.nz/new-zealand-visas/already-have-a-visa/becoming-a-permanent-resident>.*
- V. *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 in which they are applying or currently enrolled. 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.*

*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 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.*