Tonkin + Taylor Masters Scholarship in Coastal Engineering

**Description**

The Scholarship was established in 2019 and is funded by Tonkin + Taylor Ltd. The Scholarship will support a Tonkin + Taylor Ltd. intern to undertake a part time Masters of Engineering at the University of Auckland focussing on a coastal engineering topic.

The intention of the Scholarship is to develop the expertise and interest of New Zealand engineering graduates in coastal engineering.

**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 will be known as the Tonkin + Taylor Masters Scholarship in Coastal Engineering.
2. The Scholarship will be awarded annually, for a period of up to two years of part-time study. The Scholarship will provide a stipend of up to $13,260 paid in fortnightly instalments over the duration of approved study, plus compulsory fees at domestic student rate (see Note I).
3. The Scholarship may be offered to a student who is enrolled part-time, but has not yet commenced study, in a 120 point Masters in Engineering with a thesis topic related to Coastal Engineering as agreed between a representative of Tonkin + Taylor and a supervising academic staff member. A student who has already commenced study in a 180 point Master of Engineering but who has not yet started their part-time research thesis may also be considered for the Scholarship.
4. The Scholarship is tenable by students who are citizens or permanent residents of New Zealand or citizens of Pacific Island countries and who have been accepted as a Tonkin + Taylor Ltd intern (see Note II).
5. 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 Note III) as well as interest and ability in making a substantial contribution to coastal engineering in NZ and/or the Pacific as demonstrated by participation in
the Tonkin + Taylor Ltd Internship programme and the candidate’s focus of study. The successful candidate will have a minimum GPA/GPE of 7.00 (6.50 for Māori and Pacific candidates) (see Note III).

6. The Scholarship will be awarded by the University of Auckland Council upon the recommendation of a Selection Committee comprising the Associate Dean (Postgraduate Research) of the Faculty of Engineering (or nominee), one member of Academic Staff from the Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering, nominated by the Associate Dean (Postgraduate Research) and one representative of Tonkin + Taylor Ltd.

7. Payment will be made as a fortnightly stipend and a contribution towards compulsory fees. The first instalment of the stipend will be paid in the third week of the first semester of enrolment (see Note I).

8. The Tonkin + Taylor Masters Scholarship in Coastal Engineering may be held 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.

9. The amount of additional and paid work a Scholar may undertake either inside or outside the University shall not exceed a total of 500 hours per year during the tenure of this Scholarship (see Note VII).

10. 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 Associate Dean (Postgraduate Research) of the Faculty of Engineering or if the student withdraws from the Tonkin + Taylor Ltd Internship programme.

11. The University of Auckland Council has the power to amend or vary these Regulations, in consultation with the donor, provided that there is no departure from the main purpose of the Scholarship.

12. The University of Auckland Council is not obliged to make an award if there is no candidate of sufficient merit.


Notes

I. Compulsory fees are only those related to the relevant programme of study, plus Student Services Fee up to the amount payable for domestic students enrolled in a 120 point programme. International students who are awarded this Scholarship will be responsible for the balance between domestic and international fees and any International Student Insurance.


III. The most recent qualifying programme is defined as the most recently completed programme of study that qualifies the applicant for entry to the masters programme for which they are applying. Where the qualifying programme is a conjoint programme the GPA/GPE will be calculated over the entirety 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.

IV. Recipients of a Tonkin + Taylor Research Scholarship in Coastal Engineering will be required to give undertakings that they will comply with the regulations for the Scholarship and will notify the Scholarships Office of any change in their enrolment, employment or funding status. The University of Auckland may, in the event it can be established that a recipient of a Tonkin + Taylor Research Scholarship in Coastal Engineering is not complying with these regulations, terminate the Scholarship and require repayment of the funds received from the date of the breach.

V. Any publications resulting from work done during the tenure of the Scholarship shall include an acknowledgement of support provided by Tonkin + Taylor.

VI. On completion of the study, the scholar must submit a report to the Faculty of Engineering and to Tonkin + Taylor.

VII. Paid work that is required as part of the Tonkin + Taylor Ltd internship is not counted towards the 500 hours of additional and paid work that a Scholar may undertake while in receipt of this scholarship.