University of Auckland Research Masters Scholarship

Code:	826
Faculty:	All
Applicable study:	Research Masters degrees (see Reg. 3 and Note III)
Closing date:	By nomination
Tenure:	Up to one year
For:	Assistance with study
Number on offer:	Varies
Offer rate:	Each semester
Value:	Up to $14,064.65 pa in 2024 plus compulsory fees (see Reg. 2)

Description

The Scholarship is offered each semester to meritorious students applying for an approved research masters degree at Waipapa Taumata Rau, University of Auckland. The purpose of these Scholarships is to support enrolment in masters programmes that establish eligibility for doctoral study.

Students will be assessed for scholarship eligibility when their application for postgraduate admission is approved. To be awarded this Scholarship, applicants must be completing a research component of at least 90 points and must have obtained their most recent qualifying programme at a recognised university and have achieved a GPA of 8.00 or above in that programme.

Selection process

- The Scholarship is awarded by the University of Auckland Council on the recommendation of the Scholarships Committee

Regulations

1. The Scholarship shall be known as the University of Auckland Research Masters Scholarship.
2. The Scholarship will comprise a stipend of up to $14,064.65 in 2024, paid in fortnightly instalments, plus compulsory fees, for up to one year (see Notes II, IX and X). Payments and tenure will be pro-rated for part-time students (see Note V).
3. The Scholarship will be offered each semester to meritorious students who meet all the requirements of these regulations and enrol full-time at the University of Auckland Waipapa Taumata Rau in a masters degree which includes a research component of at least 90 points and can establish eligibility for doctoral study (see Notes I to III). The Scholarship may also be available to meritorious students who meet all the requirements of these regulations and for whom socially compelling reasons make part-time enrolment preferable (see Note V). Students cannot be considered for the Scholarship for a programme they have already commenced.
4. The Scholarship is tenable by students who are citizens or permanent residents of New Zealand who completed their most recent qualifying programme at a recognised university (see Note IV).

5. The basis of selection will be academic merit as assessed by the grade point average (GPA) calculated over the most recent qualifying programme (see Note IV). A GPA of 8.00 or above in the applicant's most recent qualifying programme is required for the award of a Scholarship.
6. The Scholarship will be awarded by the University of Auckland Council on the recommendation of the Scholarships Committee.
7. The Scholarship will be tenable for the duration of enrolment in the final 120 points of the programme and until the date for submission of the research component as specified in the applicable masters Regulations, provided that the duration of enrolment does not exceed one year of full-time study or equivalent (see Notes II, IX and X).
8. To take up the Scholarship, awardees must be enrolled in an approved masters degree by the start of the next available semester after the date of their confirmed offer, otherwise their scholarship offer will lapse.
9. Payments will be made as a fortnightly stipend and as a compulsory fees credit. Fortnightly payments will commence in the first semester of enrolment, 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). Masters recipients with 120 points remaining in their programme who commence their research component in December will receive their stipend as soon as is practical after confirmation of the awardee's enrolment in December.
10. 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 across the period of tenure of the Scholarship (see Notes V and VII).
11. When a student, 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, the Scholarship will be terminated.
12. A University of Auckland Research Masters Scholarship 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. 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. If the total value of the additional stipends exceeds 75% of the value of the University of Auckland Research Masters Scholarship stipend, the emolument for the University of Auckland Research Masters Scholarship will be reduced to limit the value of the additional co-tenured stipends to 75% of the University of Auckland research Masters Scholarship stipend (see Notes I and VII to VIII).
13. A Scholarship may be terminated by the University of Auckland Council on receipt of a report of unsatisfactory academic progress from the student's Head of Department or School.
14. 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.
15. The University of Auckland Council can amend or vary these regulations provided that there is no departure from the main purpose
16. Notes [I]-[XI] below are deemed to be regulations.

Notes

I. A student who is, or has already been, a recipient of a University of Auckland Masters / Honours / PG Dip Scholarship or a University of Auckland Postgraduate Honours / PG Diploma Scholarship or a University of Auckland Māori Postgraduate Scholarship or a University of Auckland Pacific Postgraduate Scholarship is not eligible to hold a University of Auckland Masters Research Scholarship. A student awarded a University of Auckland Research Masters Scholarship will not be eligible to hold this Scholarship again.

II. If the points value of the recipient's programme is greater than 120 points, the scholarship will be paid for the final 120 points of the degree, provided that enrolment in the final 120 points includes enrolment in all or the remainder of the research component. The start date for the stipend will be calculated in accordance with Regulation 9, where the first semester of enrolment refers to the semester in which the student commences enrolment in the final 120 points of the degree.

III. Research masters degrees that do not establish eligibility for doctoral study (e.g. the Masters of Creative Writing) are not approved degrees for the purposes of this Scholarship.

IV. *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 most recently completed 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 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.*

V. *Awardees are normally required to be enrolled on a full-time basis. However, students for whom socially compelling reasons make part-time enrolment preferable may apply to hold the Scholarship on a part-time basis pro-rated. Socially compelling reasons include a) carer responsibilities for: pre-school and/or school-aged children; an invalid or disabled family / whānau member; or b) medical condition(s), impairment(s) or disabilities. Applicants will not be granted permission to hold a University of Auckland Research Masters Scholarship on a part-time basis if they wish to undertake full-time paid employment or substantial part-time employment. Students who hold the Scholarship on a part-time basis are subject to the same employment restrictions as full-time scholarship holders (i.e. 500 hours per scholarship year; refer Regulation 10 and Note VII) and are required to change to full-time enrolment if a change in their circumstances means they no longer qualify to hold the Scholarship on a part-time basis.*

VI. *Payments under the terms of this Scholarship 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. Failure to comply with this regulation will result in the termination of the Scholarship.*

VII. *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.*

VIII. *The University of Auckland Research Masters Scholarship stipend will be reduced by the amount the additional scholarship value (excluding compulsory fees) exceeds $10,548.49, which is 75% of the 2024 value of the University of Auckland Research Masters Scholarship stipend.*

IX. *In exceptional circumstances (such as illness, injury or events beyond the control of the student) and upon submission by the student of appropriate evidence, the Scholarship may be deferred during tenure for a maximum of one year in total, following written approval by the Manager, Scholarships Office.*

X. *A student cannot remain in receipt of this Scholarship while enrolled in an extension.*

XI. *Only those students who submit their applications by the official closing date for the programme are guaranteed consideration for the Scholarship.*