

University of Auckland Faculty of Engineering Doctoral Scholarship

Code:	955
Faculty:	Engineering and Design
Applicable study:	PhD in Engineering
Closing date:	By nomination
Tenure:	Up to 36 months
For:	Assistance
Number on offer:	Up to five
Offer rate:	Annually
Value:	Up to \$33,000 in 2023, domestic PhD fees and Health Insurance (if applicable)

Description

The Scholarship was established in 2018 and is funded by the Faculty of Engineering.

The intention of the Scholarship is to encourage and support academically excellent students to undertake full-time doctoral study on an agreed topic in the Faculty of Engineering.

Selection process

- A Selection Committee assesses potential candidates
- Nomination is made to Council via the School of Graduate Studies
- The Scholarship is awarded by the University of Auckland on the recommendation of the Selection Committee

Regulations

1. The Scholarship shall be known as the University of Auckland Faculty of Engineering Doctoral Scholarship.
2. Up to five Scholarships will be awarded annually, for up to 36 months, and will comprise a tax-free stipend of up to \$33,000 per annum in 2023, with an annual cost of living adjustment to the stipend value. In addition, compulsory tuition fees will be covered for up to 36 months for all domestic students and for international students who are eligible to study under the domestic fees policy. International students will also receive compulsory international student health cover. Part-time students will be paid pro-rata for up to 72 months (see Notes II to IV).
3. Students will be considered for a University of Auckland Faculty of Engineering Doctoral Scholarship at the time of application to the doctoral programme only. Students who have already begun their doctoral programme are not eligible for consideration for a University of Auckland Faculty of Engineering Doctoral Scholarship.
4. The Scholarship may be awarded for full-time enrolment in the Degree of Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) in the Faculty of Engineering. The Scholarship may also be available to students for whom socially compelling reasons make part-time enrolment preferable (see Note IV).
5. The Scholarship is tenable by domestic and international students who are paying domestic fees (see Note III).

6. The basis of selection will be academic merit and the quality and nature of the research proposal. Matters that may be considered in relation to academic merit include, but are not limited to, academic record, standing of awarding institution, academic references, CV and research and publication record. Where a qualifying programme with a grade point average (GPA) or grade point equivalent (GPE) is the basis for entry to the PhD, a candidate must have a GPA/GPE of at least 7.00 (6.50 for Māori or Pacific candidates) in that programme to be eligible for scholarship consideration; Māori or Pacific candidates must have a GPA/GPE of at least 6.50 in their most recent qualifying programme at a New Zealand university to be eligible for scholarship consideration. Where a qualifying programme is entirely pass/fail, the University may generate a GPA only where the programme consists entirely of a thesis (see Note v). The objectives of the Faculty of Engineering to grow their postgraduate and research programmes may also be taken into consideration by the Selection Committee; this may include assisting new staff and emerging researchers to grow their research programmes.
7. 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), the Associate Dean (Postgraduate – Taught) of the Faculty of Engineering (or nominee) and a Postgraduate Advisor of the Faculty of Engineering.
8. Domestic students and international students with a New Zealand qualifying programme will be required to enrol and begin within three months of their unconditional programme offer; international students with an overseas qualifying programme will be required to enrol within six months of the date of their unconditional programme offer, otherwise the scholarship offer will lapse (see Note VI). Awardees must also meet all requirements of their admission and scholarship offer before any payments will be made.
9. The Scholarship will provide support for up to 36 months and payments will commence from the doctoral registration date. A further six months scholarship funding, subject to Scholarships Committee approval, may be available. These durations shall be pro-rated for part-time scholarship awardees (see Note IV).
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 per scholarship year (see Note VIII).
11. The Scholarship may not be held concurrently with a University of Auckland Doctoral Scholarship, or with any other New Zealand government or foreign government funded scholarships. However, it 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. The maximum allowable co-tenure amount is 75% of the stipend value of this Scholarship. If the value of the co-tenured scholarship exceeds 75% of the University of Auckland Faculty of Engineering Doctoral Scholarship stipend value, the emolument for the University of Auckland Faculty of Engineering Doctoral Scholarship will be reduced to limit the additional co-tenured stipend value to 75% of the University of Auckland Faculty of Engineering Doctoral Scholarship stipend value. It is the responsibility of the recipient 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.
12. The University of Auckland Council 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.
13. The University of Auckland Council is not obliged to make an award if in any year there is no candidate of sufficient merit.
14. The University of Auckland Council has the power to amend or vary these Regulations, in consultation with the Faculty of Engineering, provided that there is no departure from the main purpose of the Scholarship.
15. Notes [I]-[IX] below are deemed to be regulations.

Notes

- I. *Students who have been offered a scholarship must meet all requirements for admission to their intended programme in order to take up the scholarship offer.*
- II. *Compulsory fees are those only related to the relevant Doctoral study, plus Student Services Fee. In addition for*

international students, the single student Health Insurance compulsory charge (as detailed on the tuition fees invoice) is covered by the Scholarship for the duration of the scholarship.

- III. To be eligible to pay domestic PhD fees, recipients who are permanent residents of New Zealand or Australia, Australian citizens or international students may only be resident outside of New Zealand for a maximum total of twelve months over the period of their enrolment in their doctoral degree and only for the purpose of conducting research.*
- IV. Recipients of a University of Auckland Faculty of Engineering Doctoral Scholarship are normally required to be enrolled on a full-time basis. However, domestic students for who socially compelling reasons make part-time enrolment preferable may apply to hold a 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/whanau member; or b) medical condition(s), impairment(s) or disabilities. Applicants will not be granted permission to hold a University of Auckland Faculty of Engineering Doctoral Scholarship on a part-time basis if they wish to undertake full-time paid employment or substantial part-time employment. Students who hold a 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 VIII) 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.*
- V. Where the qualifying programme is an undergraduate honours degree (or equivalent undergraduate degree or integrated undergraduate and postgraduate degree), the grade point average or equivalent will be calculated over the final two years of full-time study (or equivalent) in the programme. In all other cases, the grade point average or equivalent will be calculated over the entirety of the qualifying programme.*
- VI. Where exceptional circumstances exist, candidates may apply to the Scholarships Office to request an extension of take-up time for the Scholarship. Applications will be considered and determined on a case-by-case basis in consultation with the Dean of Graduate Studies as warranted. PhD enrolments and scholarship payments must commence on the first of the month.*
- VII. Awardees will be required to give undertakings that they will comply with the regulations for the Scholarship and will notify the University of any change in their enrolment, employment or funding status. The 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. Paid work that is undertaken as part of an approved University of Auckland Internship is not counted towards the 500 hours of additional and paid work that a Scholar may undertake while in receipt of a scholarship.*
- IX. 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 to assist the awardee with living costs while studying. Failure to comply with this regulation will result in the termination of the Scholarship.*