



# University of Auckland Research Masters Scholarship: FAQs

## How do I apply?

There's no need to complete a separate application form for a University of Auckland Research Masters Scholarship. When you apply for a place on the masters programme, the University will calculate the grade point average or equivalent (GPA/E) obtained in your most recent university qualifying programme. You must be a domestic student, applying for a masters degree with a research portfolio or thesis of 90 points or above, to be considered.

The University will process your application in the usual way. If you receive an offer of place in a research masters programme and your GPA/E indicates that you are a straight-A student (8.0 and above), we will get in contact with you to see if you wish to be considered for the University of Auckland Research Masters Scholarship. If you do, you will be asked to provide some background information and details about your intended study. Once that information, together with your final grades, has been received, we will confirm whether or not you will receive the scholarship.

For all other masters scholarships, a separate application must be submitted.

## What are the requirements to be guaranteed a University of Auckland Research Masters Scholarship?

Domestic students, whose most recent qualifying programme was undertaken at a New Zealand university will be awarded a scholarship if their grade point average (GPA) is 8.0 or above. This is the guaranteed scholarship score.

For domestic students, whose most recent qualifying programme was undertaken overseas at a recognised university, we will convert your final grades into a University of Auckland equivalent (GPE). If your GPE is 8.0 or above, you will be awarded a scholarship. This is the guaranteed scholarship score.

## What is a qualifying programme?

A qualifying programme is the most recently completed programme of study that qualifies you for entry to the programme for which you are applying.

## How will I be assessed for a University of Auckland Research Scholarship?

All students will be assessed based on the Grade Point Average (GPA) of their most recent qualifying programme.

If your qualifying programme is from a recognised overseas university, we will convert your final grades into a University of Auckland equivalent.

If your qualifying programme is a conjoint degree, we will use the grades you obtained from ALL your courses to calculate your grade point average (GPA) or equivalent.

## I am on track for a grade point average (GPA) of 8.0, but have yet to get my final marks through. What happens if I drop below a GPA of 8.0?

If you don't achieve a GPA of 8.0 in your qualifying programme, you won't be awarded a University of Auckland Research Masters Scholarship.

## **Can international students be awarded a University of Auckland Research Masters Scholarship?**

No. The University of Auckland Research Masters Scholarships are only awarded to domestic students.

## **Are part-time students eligible for University of Auckland Research Masters Scholarships?**

Recipients of a University of Auckland Research Masters Scholarship would normally be enrolled full time. But in certain situations part-time enrolment is permitted, in which case the value of the award is prorated. However, you won't be permitted to hold the scholarship on a part-time basis if you wish to undertake full-time employment or substantial part-time employment.

## **I was previously awarded a University of Auckland Masters/Honours/PG Dip Scholarship. Can I now be considered for a University of Auckland Research Masters Scholarship?**

No. If you previously held a University of Auckland Masters/Honours/PGDip Scholarship, you will not be eligible to hold a University of Auckland Research Masters Scholarship.

## **Is the Master of Creative Writing eligible for funding by the University of Auckland Research Masters Scholarship?**

No. The Master of Creative Writing does not establish eligibility for doctoral study and so is not eligible for funding by the University of Auckland Research Masters Scholarship.

## **Are all specialisations in the Master of Music eligible for funding by the University of Auckland Research Masters Scholarship?**

Yes, because all specialisations in the Master of Music establish eligibility for doctoral study and are therefore eligible for funding by the University of Auckland Research Masters Scholarship

## **Are all specialisations in the Master of Fine Arts eligible for funding by the University of Auckland Research Masters Scholarship?**

Yes, because all specialisations in the Master of Fine Arts establish eligibility for doctoral study and are therefore eligible for funding by the University of Auckland Research Masters Scholarship

## **Is the programme I will be studying covered under the University of Auckland Research Masters Scholarship?**

It depends if your chosen masters programme is taught or by research. Your programme needs to have a research component of at least 90 points to be eligible. However, please note that the Master of Creative Writing is ineligible.

## **What if I don't meet the grade point average (GPA) requirements for a University of Auckland Research Masters Scholarship?**

In addition to University of Auckland Research Masters Scholarships, students enrolled in or intending to enrol in masters study at the University of Auckland are encouraged to apply for other scholarships offered by both the University and generous donors and organisations. You can find a list of these on the [Scholarships website](#).

You can also talk to your faculty to find out about suitable funding. Some faculties have their own sources of funding (like grants), so check with your faculty if there is any funding that you might be eligible for.

There may also be suitable scholarships available on the [givMe](#) database on the *generosity New Zealand* website.

## **When will I be notified if I have been awarded a University of Auckland Research Masters Scholarship?**

If you receive an offer of place in a research masters programme and your grade point average or equivalent (GPA/E) indicates that you are a straight-A student (8.0 and above), we will get in contact with you to see if you wish to be considered for the University of Auckland Research Masters Scholarship.

If you do wish to be considered for a University of Auckland Research Masters Scholarship, you will be asked to provide us with some background information and more details about your intended study. Once you have provided that, we will be able to update you on the status of the scholarship. When your final grades are available, we will confirm whether or not you will receive the scholarship.

## **How do I accept the offer of a University of Auckland Research Masters Scholarship?**

When you are emailed your offer of a scholarship, you will be directed to an online form that you need to complete in order to accept the scholarship offer.

You need to do this within two weeks of the date of the email containing your scholarship offer.

## **I have been offered a University of Auckland Research Masters Scholarship. When do I need to start my study?**

You will need to start your masters programme at the next available semester start date for the scholarship to be awarded.

## **How much is the University of Auckland Research Masters Scholarship worth?**

The University of Auckland Research Masters Scholarship provides a tax-free stipend of up to \$13,000.

In addition, the University will cover your tuition and student services fees in full.

If you are enrolled in a 180-point or 240-point masters programme, the stipend is payable over the final 120 points (the research year) of the programme.

## **If I receive a University of Auckland Research Masters Scholarship, would I receive funding for both years?**

No. If you are enrolled in a 240-points masters programme, you would only be eligible for the University of Auckland Research Masters Scholarship for the final 120 points of the programme. You would need to be studying for a masters degree with a research portfolio or thesis of 90 points or above.

## **Can't find the answer to your question?**

Visit [AskAuckland](#) or email the Scholarships Office: [scholarships@auckland.ac.nz](mailto:scholarships@auckland.ac.nz)