Ngā Ara Whetū PhD Scholarships 2024

The Waipapa Taumata Rau | University of Auckland (UoA) research centre Ngā Ara Whetū - Climate, Biodiversity and Society has UoA PhD scholarships to award for a start in March 2024. These scholarships will support our mission to undertake world-class research and training that drives just and ethical action on climate change and the environment for thriving peoples and planetary wellbeing. In selecting scholarship recipients, we will be informed by the objectives set out in Taumata Teitei (the University’s strategic plan) including the desire to:

- Nurture, recruit, and retain outstanding research talent
- Support excellent research and the creation of high-quality research outputs
- Support transdisciplinary research
- Grow Māori and Pacific research scholarship
- Develop and strengthen relationships with communities and stakeholders
- Support equity, diversity, and inclusivity in research

Transdisciplinarity iteratively interweaves knowledge systems, skills, methodologies, values, and fields of expertise within inclusive and innovative collaborations, across academic disciplines and outside academia, to develop transformative outcomes that respond to societal challenges. At UoA, Te Tiriti o Waitangi, kaupapa Māori, tikanga, Māori and Pacific knowledge systems, values and perspectives, inform and shape transdisciplinary activity.

The stipend is $33,000 per annum and will be adjusted annually to the consumer price index (CPI). All other tuition and compulsory fees, including the single student Health Insurance compulsory charge for international candidates, will be paid. Further information on the scholarships is available here.

Scholarship applicants must contact their proposed supervisors well in advance of the closing date for applications, since supervisors’ involvement in the development of the Statement of Research Intent is strongly advised and supervisors’ endorsement of the applicant and the proposed project is required. Students and at least one supervisor will also need to attend an interview as part of the selection process if shortlisted. Further information about the University of Auckland Doctoral Programme can be found here.

The Ngā Ara Whetū Selection Committee will assess all applications received against the following criteria:

- The student must not be currently enrolled in a doctoral programme
- The student must have a demonstrated capacity for excellence in scholarship (beyond the minimum GPE for entry)
The student must contribute to the mission of Ngā Ara Whetū (see above)
The student must commit to involvement in the life of Ngā Ara Whetū as it evolves during their enrolment as a doctoral candidate
The proposed research must be clearly transdisciplinary in nature
The proposed research project must address Ngā Ara Whetū’s mission to lead and contribute to just and ethical action on climate change and the environment for thriving peoples and planetary wellbeing
The main and co-supervisors must be affiliated to Ngā Ara Whetū and from at least two Faculties/large scale research institutes (supervisors should contact ngaarawhetu@auckland.ac.nz if they are unsure of their completed affiliation).
Where relevant, proposals must consider the relation of the research to the themes of Vision Mātauranga and how the project will engage with Māori.
We encourage research that includes community/external partners where relevant

Deadline
The deadline for submission of proposals is 5:00 p.m. Wednesday 1 November 2023 to ngaarawhetu@auckland.ac.nz

How to apply
Students need to submit:
- the application form below
- a statement of Research Intent
- their CV
- their academic transcript.

The main supervisor must:
- sign the application form (along with the co-supervisor)
- email a separate Supervisor Statement outlining their support to ngaarawhetu@auckland.ac.nz by the same deadline.

Taking up your scholarship
Students must enrol for a UoA PhD programme with the start date of 1 March 2024, otherwise the scholarship offer will be forfeited.
Every effort has been made to ensure the information we have supplied is correct and up to date. However, the University of Auckland Doctoral Scholarship regulations take precedence over all other material.

You are strongly advised to read the scholarship regulations for complete information, to ensure you meet the eligibility criteria for scholarship consideration, and that you understand the implications of any regulations.
Application Form for Ngā Ara Whetū PhD Scholarships

Full name of student:

Email:

Contact phone number:

GPE (see here https://www.gpecalculator.auckland.ac.nz/):

I **student name** commit to involvement in the life of Ngā Ara Whetū as it evolves in the coming years.

**Planned start date for PhD:**

Student signature:

Date:

Main supervisor:

Email:

Faculty and Department:

Are you affiliated to Ngā Ara Whetū?:

(contact ngaarawhetu@auckland.ac.nz to check affiliation)

Supervisor’s signature:

Date:

Co-supervisor:

Email:

Faculty and Department:

Are you affiliated to Ngā Ara Whetū?:

(contact ngaarawhetu@auckland.ac.nz to check affiliation)

Supervisor’s signature:

Date:

External advisors:
Do you have any community/external partners associated with the project? (max. 100 words):
Thesis title:

Statement of Research Intent

Further information is available here. Note each Faculty or Large Scale Research Institute has their own Statement of Research Intent so you need to download the relevant document for your intended programme of study i.e. the appropriate one for your main supervisor. Please attach as a PDF to your application.

How will the research contribute to the mission of Ngā Ara Whetū? In particular, demonstrate how the research project aligns with Ngā Ara Whetū’s mission to lead and contribute to just and ethical action on climate change and the environment for thriving peoples and planetary wellbeing (350-word limit)

If relevant, how does the research relate to Vision Mātauranga themes and how will the project engage with Māori? (350-word limit)