Agnes Paykel PhD Scholarships

Scholarship description

The Scholarships were established in 2013 and are funded by the Agnes Paykel Trust.

The main purpose of the Scholarships is to support a full-time doctoral student in the Liggins Institute engaged in basic or clinical research.

Selection process

- application is made to the Scholarships Office
- a Selection Committee assesses the applications
- the Scholarship is awarded by the University of Auckland Council on the recommendation of the Selection Committee

Regulations

1. The Scholarships shall be known as the Agnes Paykel PhD Scholarships.
2. Up to two Scholarships will be awarded for a period of up to three years, and will comprise a stipend of up to $27,000 per annum plus compulsory domestic PhD fees and compulsory international student health insurance, if applicable (see Note i).
3. To take up and be paid the Scholarships, the recipients must have paid the fees, or arranged to pay the fees, for full-time enrolment in a PhD within the Liggins Institute and be engaged in basic or clinical research.
4. The Scholarships are tenable by domestic students and domestic-fee paying international students.
5. The basis of selection will be academic merit (see Note ii), the quality and nature of the proposed research topic, and endorsement by the host academic unit.
6. The Scholarships will provide support for up to 36 months and payments will commence from the doctoral registration date or the date nominated by the Liggins Institute (whichever is the later date). A further six months scholarship funding, subject to Scholarships Sub-Committee approval, may be available for applicants who hold a first-class academic record (see Note iii).
7. Subject to Regulation 6, the Scholarships will be tenable until the date of submission or 48 months of active
enrolment from the registration date, whichever is the earlier.

8. To comply with the full-time study requirement in Regulation 3, 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.

9. The Scholarships will be awarded by The University of Auckland Council upon the recommendation of a Selection Committee comprising the Director of the Liggins Institute (or nominee), the Research Director of the Liggins Institute (or nominee) and the Academic Director of the Liggins Institute (or nominee).

10. The Scholarships may not be held concurrently with any other award or grant.

11. The University of Auckland Council, in consultation with the Donor, has the power to terminate or suspend a Scholarship if it receives an unsatisfactory report on the progress of a Scholar from the Director of the Liggins Institute.

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

13. 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.

14. Applications close with the Scholarships Office on 15 December in the year preceding the Award.

Notes

I. Tuition/Compulsory fees are those related to the relevant programme of study, including Student Services Fee and Building Levy, plus compulsory international student health insurance (where applicable).

II. For the purpose of this Scholarship, academic merit is measured by the grade point average or grade point equivalent obtained in the applicant’s most recent qualifying programme for doctoral study. Where the most recent qualifying programme is an undergraduate honours degree (or equivalent undergraduate degree or integrated undergraduate or 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 most recent qualifying programme.

III. To hold a first-class academic record the recipient must have achieved a Scholarships GPA or GPE of 7.00 or above over their most recent two years of full-time graded study (or equivalent).