Dean’s International Doctoral Scholarships (FMHS)

Code: 640  
Faculty: Medical and Health Sciences  
Applicable study: International PhD students in the Faculty of Medical and Health Sciences  
Closing date: 1 July  
Tenure: Up to 36 months (see Reg. 2)  
For: Costs associated with doctoral study including: one off $3,000 relocation grant, compulsory health insurance, compulsory tuition fees, $27,000 stipend pa.  
Number on offer: 3  
Offer rate: Annually  
Value: Up to $27,000 stipend pa plus compulsory tuition fees, relocation grant, and health insurance

Scholarship description

The Dean’s International Doctoral Scholarships (FMHS) were established in 2011 and are funded by the Faculty of Medical and Health Sciences at the University of Auckland. The main purpose of the Scholarships is to attract international students of high calibre to pursue a research doctoral degree in the Faculty of Medical and Health Sciences.

Selection process

- Application is made to the Scholarships Office. Applicants must also complete and submit an Application for Admission (AfA) online.
- A Selection Committee assesses the applications
- The Scholarships are awarded by the University of Auckland Council on the recommendation of the Selection Committee

Regulations

1. The Scholarships will be known as the Dean’s International Doctoral Scholarships (FMHS).
2. Up to three Scholarships will be awarded annually, each for a period of up to three years. The Scholarships will include compulsory fees and health insurance (see Note ii), plus up to $30,000 in the first year and up to the $27,000 per annum in subsequent years. A further six months scholarship funding, subject to Scholarship Sub-committee approval, may be available (see Note v).
3. The Scholarships may be awarded only to new students applying for admission to a PhD degree in the Faculty of Medical and Health Sciences at the University of Auckland, who meet all the requirements of these regulations. Students who have already been admitted to their doctoral programme are not eligible for consideration for the Scholarship.
4. The Scholarships are tenable only by students who are neither citizens nor permanent residents of New Zealand or Australia, and comply with the requirements of the domestic fees policy for PhD students.
5. Selection will be based on academic merit (measured by the grade point average (GPA) or grade point equivalent (GPE) obtained in the applicant’s most recent qualifying programme for doctoral study) (see Note iv); strategic factors may also be taken into consideration.

6. The Scholarships will be awarded by the University of Auckland Council upon the recommendation of a Selection Committee comprising the Dean (or nominee), the Associate Dean (Postgraduate), and the International Development Manager, from the Faculty of Medical and Health Sciences, and a representative from the Board of Graduate Studies.

7. The Scholarships will consist of a fortnightly stipend, an annual tuition fees credit, a one-off relocation grant and health insurance. The relocation grant will be paid on receipt of evidence of costs associated with relocation to commence the doctorate.

8. A Dean's International Doctoral Scholarships (FMHS) may not be held concurrently with any other doctoral scholarship funded by the University of Auckland, or with any postgraduate scholarship or grant awarded by the Universities New Zealand Committee, Tertiary Education Commission, New Zealand Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade, Asian Development Bank, Education New Zealand or any other New Zealand government or foreign government-funded scholarships or grants. However, it may be held with any other study award or grant where the regulations for that award or grant permit, and where the University of Auckland Council so approves, up to an additional maximum of 75% of the stipend value of the Dean's International Doctoral Scholarships (FMHS). If the value of the co-tenured scholarship exceeds 75% of the Dean's International Doctoral Scholarships (FMHS) stipend value, the emolument for the Dean's International Doctoral Scholarships (FMHS) will be reduced to limit the additional co-tenured value to 75% of the Dean's International Doctoral Scholarships (FMHS) stipend value.

9. 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.

10. The University of Auckland Council, in consultation with the Dean of the Faculty of Medical and Health Sciences, has the power to terminate or suspend a Scholarship if it receives an unsatisfactory report on the progress of a Scholar from the Board of Graduate Studies.

11. The University of Auckland Council is not obliged to make an award if in any year there are insufficient candidates of sufficient merit.

12. The University of Auckland has the power to amend or vary these Regulations, in consultation with the Dean of the Faculty of Medical and Health Sciences, provided that there is no departure from the main purpose of the Scholarship.

13. Applications close with the Scholarships Office on 1 July in the year of the award. Applicants must also complete and submit an Application for Admission (AfA) online.

14. Notes [i]-[vii] below are deemed to be regulations.

Notes

I. Students who have been offered a Scholarship must meet all requirements for admission into the PhD programme in order to take up the Scholarship offer.

II. Tuition/Compulsory fees are only those related to the relevant programme of study, plus Student Services Fee and Building Levy.

III. The award of the Scholarship is conditional upon the ability of the University of Auckland and the Faculty of Medical and Health Sciences to provide adequate supervision and resources.

IV. Where the most recent qualifying programme is an undergraduate honours degree (or equivalent undergraduate degree or integrated undergraduate and postgraduate degree or MBChB), the GPA/E will be calculated over the final two years of full-time study (or equivalent) in the programme. In all other cases, the GPA/E will be calculated over the entirety of the most recent qualifying programme.

V. A further 6 months scholarship funding may be available to students who are unable to complete in three years due to the exigencies of research.

VI. Students are required to take up their scholarship within five months of it being awarded.
VII. Each year recipients of the Dean’s International Doctoral Scholarship (FMHS) must sign a statutory declaration that, in the previous academic year, they have complied with the regulations for the Scholarship and that they give an undertaking that, in the current academic year, they will notify the University of any change in their enrolment status. The University of Auckland may, in the event it can be established that a recipient of a Dean’s International Scholarship (FMHS) is not complying with these regulations, terminate the Scholarship and require repayment of the funds received from the date of the breach.