Faculty of Arts Masters Thesis Scholarships

Code: 627  
Faculty: Arts  
Applicable study: Thesis study for MA, MLitt, MPP, MCTS, MCW or MTheol in the Faculty of Arts  
Closing date: 30 January and 1 August  
Tenure: Up to 1 year of full-time study (or equivalent)  
For: Financial support  
Number on offer: 10  
Offer rate: Annually  
Value: Up to $5,000

Scholarship description

The Scholarship was established in 2010 and is funded by the Faculty of Arts. The main purpose of the Scholarship is to encourage and support students undertaking a research thesis or portfolio for an approved Masters degree in the Faculty of Arts.

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 will be known as the Faculty of Arts Masters Thesis Scholarships.  
2. Up to ten Scholarships will be awarded annually, each for a period of up to one year of equivalent full time study, and will be of the value of up to $5,000.  
3. The Scholarships will be awarded to candidates who have paid the fees, or arranged to pay the fees, for full or part-time enrolment in a thesis, research portfolio or project of at least 90 points for the degree of Master of Arts, Master of Literature, Master of Public Policy, Master of Conflict and Terrorism, Master of Creative Writing or Master of Theology.  
4. The Scholarships are tenable by students who are citizens or permanent residents of New Zealand. At least one scholarship will be awarded each year to a Māori student, and one to a Pacific student, provided suitable candidates are available.  
5. The basis of selection will be academic merit assessed by the GPA obtained over the applicants’ most recent year of full-time study (or equivalent) at postgraduate level in the prerequisite study for their proposed masters thesis or equivalent research component.  
6. The Scholarships will be awarded by the University of Auckland Council upon the recommendation of a Selection Committee comprising the Associate Dean (Academic) (or nominee), the Associate Dean (Postgraduate) (or nominee), and one other member of academic staff of the Faculty of Arts, nominated by the Dean.
7. The Scholarship will be paid in two instalments, one in the first semester of enrolment and one in the second. Payments to part-time students will be pro-rated. (See Note ii.)

8. The Scholarship may not be concurrently held with a University of Auckland Research Masters Scholarship, University of Auckland Māori Postgraduate Scholarship or University of Auckland Pacific Postgraduate Scholarship. However, it may be held with any other award or grant as long as the terms of that award or grant permit and the University of Auckland Council is informed and approves. If the value of the co-tenured scholarships exceeds $20,000 the emolument for the Faculty of Arts Masters Thesis Scholarship will be reduced to limit the co-tenured total to $20,000.

9. The University of Auckland Council has the power to terminate or suspend a Scholarship if it receives an unsatisfactory report on the progress of a Scholar from the Head(s) of the Department(s) in which the thesis or research portfolio is undertaken.

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

11. Applications close with the Scholarships Office on 30 January and 1 August in the year of the award.

12. Notes [i]-[ii] below are deemed to be regulations.

Notes

I. Applicants who are not successful in one round may reapply in subsequent rounds.

II. Payments to recipients in the January and August closing rounds will commence in Semester 1 and Semester 2 respectively, on confirmation of enrolment. The Scholarship cannot be backdated to cover any semesters of study that have already been undertaken towards a Masters degree prior to the application closing date.