MBIE Grant Doctoral Scholarships in Family Violence Prevention

Scholarship description

The Scholarships were established in 2016 and are funded by an MBIE Grant awarded to academic staff members from the School of Population Health in the Faculty of Medical and Health Sciences and Ngā Pae o te Māramatanga in the Faculty of Arts at the University of Auckland.

The main purpose of the Scholarships is to support academically excellent students to undertake full-time doctoral studies at the University of Auckland on a topic that investigates risk and resilience factors in family violence, and identifies ways of promoting positive relationships.

Selection process

- application is made to the Scholarships Office
- a Selection Committee assesses the applications
- short-listed applicants may be required to attend an interview
- 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 MBIE Grant Doctoral Scholarships in Family Violence Prevention.
2. The Scholarships will provide a tax-free stipend of up to $25,000 per annum plus compulsory domestic PhD fees (see Note ii).
3. Students applying for admission to full-time study in a PhD at the University of Auckland in Population Health or another discipline, on a topic that investigates risk and resilience factors in family violence, and identifies ways of promoting positive relationships, are eligible for consideration for this scholarship. Students already enrolled in a...
PhD at the University of Auckland are not eligible for consideration for this scholarship.

4. The Scholarships are tenable by students who are citizens or permanent residents of New Zealand.

5. The basis of selection will be academic merit, and the quality and nature of the research topic and its compatibility with the purpose of the scholarship. Successful applicants will have a GPA or GPE of at least 7.50 in their most recent qualifying programme for doctoral study (see Note iii). Preference will be given to applicants based in or around the Auckland area to ensure that they are able to be an active member of the project team. Applicants will be required to submit a letter of application outlining their background in the area, and key areas of research interest and a curriculum vitae as part of the application process.

6. To take up the scholarship, awardees must meet all requirements for admission into their programme and enrol in the programme within 3 months of the offer of place in the programme.

7. The Scholarships will be awarded by the University of Auckland Council upon the recommendation of a Selection Committee comprising the Head of the Department of Population Health (or nominee), and the Principal Investigators of the grant.

8. The Scholarships will provide support for up to 36 months and payments will commence from the doctoral registration date.

9. The Scholarships will be awarded by the University of Auckland Council upon the recommendation of a Selection Committee.

10. To comply with the full-time study requirement in Regulation 4, 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 scholarship year.

11. The Scholarships will be paid as a fortnightly stipend and a compulsory fees credit.

12. The Scholarships may not be held concurrently with a University of Auckland Doctoral Scholarship, nor with any other New Zealand government or foreign government funded scholarships. However, they 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. The maximum allowable co-tenure amount is 75% of the stipend value of these Scholarships. If the value of the co-tenured scholarship exceeds 75% of the emolument for the MBIE Grant PhD Scholarships in Family Violence Prevention, it will be reduced to limit the additional co-tenured stipend value to 75%.

13. The University of Auckland Council, in consultation with the Principal Investigator of the Family Violence Prevention Study, has the power to terminate or suspend a Scholarship if it receives an unsatisfactory report on the progress of a Scholar from the Head of Department.

14. The University of Auckland Council is not obliged to make an award if there is no candidate of sufficient merit.

15. 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.

16. Applications close with the Scholarships Office on 3 February in the year of the award.

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

Notes

I. Further information about the project and possible topics can be obtained from the Principal Investigator – Associate Professor Janet Fanslow, j.fanslow@auckland.ac.nz

II. Compulsory fees are those only related to the relevant Doctoral study plus Student Services Fee.

III. 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.

IV. The recipient of the Scholarship will be required to give undertakings that they will comply with the regulations for the Scholarship and will notify the Scholarships Office of any change in their enrolment, employment or funding status. The University of Auckland may, in the event it can be established that the recipient of the Scholarship is not
complying with these regulations, terminate the Scholarship and require the repayment of the funds received from
the date of the breach.

V. Each year recipients of MBIE Grant Doctoral Scholarship in Family Violence Prevention 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.

VI. Students are required to begin their studies by 1 April in the year of the award.

VII. These regulations are subject to Senate and Council approval.