The Colfuturo University of Auckland PhD Fees Bursary

Scholarship description

The Fees Bursary was established in 2016 and is funded by the International Office at the University of Auckland. The intention of the Fees Bursary is to encourage and support academically excellent international students who are part of the Semilleros de Talento programme to undertake doctoral study at the University of Auckland.

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 Bursary will be known as the Colfuturo University of Auckland PhD Fees Bursary.
2. One Bursary will be awarded annually, for a period of up to three years, and will cover compulsory domestic PhD fees (see Notes i and ii).
3. The Bursary may be awarded to new students who have received a conditional or unconditional offer for admission to a PhD at the University of Auckland. Students already enrolled in a PhD at the University of Auckland are also eligible for consideration for this Bursary.
4. To take up the Bursary, the recipient must have paid the fees, or arranged to pay the fees, for full time enrolment in a PhD at the University of Auckland.
5. The Bursary is tenable by international students who are paying domestic PhD fees (see Note iii) and who are registered in the Semilleros de Talento programme with Colfuturo Colombia.
6. The basis of selection will be academic merit, and the quality and nature of the research proposal. Successful applicants will have a GPA or GPE of at least 7.00 in their most recent qualifying programme for doctoral study (see Note iii).
7. The Bursary will provide support for up to 36 months and will commence from the doctoral registration date.
8. The Bursary will be awarded by the University of Auckland Council upon the recommendation of a Selection Committee comprising the Dean of Graduate Studies (or nominee), one member of Academic Staff, appointed by the
Dean of Graduate Studies and the University of Auckland International Marketing Manager (or nominee).

9. 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.

10. The Bursary must be held concurrently with a Colfuturo Colombia Credito Beca (see note vi). The Colfuturo University of Auckland PhD Fees Bursary may not be held with a University of Auckland Doctoral Scholarship. However, it may be held with other awards or grants as long as a) the terms of that award or grant permit and b) the University of Auckland Council is informed and approves.

11. The University of Auckland Council, in consultation with the Dean of Graduate Studies, has the power to terminate or suspend a Bursary if it receives an unsatisfactory report on the progress of a Scholar from the Head of Department.

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 International Office, provided that there is no departure from the main purpose of the Bursary.

14. International students may only be outside of New Zealand for a maximum total of 12 months over the period of their enrolment in their doctoral degree and only for the purposes of conducting research (see Note ii).

15. Applications close with the Scholarships Office on 14 August in the year of the award.

16. Notes [i]-[vi] below are deemed to be regulations.

Notes

I. Compulsory fees are those only related to the relevant PhD study plus Student Services Fee.

II. To be eligible to pay domestic PhD fees, international students may only be resident outside of New Zealand for a maximum total of twelve months over the period of their enrolment in their doctoral degree, and only to conduct research approved by the Board of Graduate Studies. Four weeks annual leave per year, when spent outside New Zealand, does not count towards the 12 months that can be spent overseas.

III. For the purpose of this Bursary, 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 Bursary will be required to give undertakings that they will comply with the regulations for the Bursary 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 Bursary is not complying with these regulations, terminate the Bursary and require the repayment of the funds received from the date of the breach.

V. Details of Colfuturo Credito Beca can be found at http://www.colfuturo.org/

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