The University of Auckland Commonwealth Scholarships

Scholarship description

Following the withdrawal of funding by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade for Commonwealth Scholars from developed countries, in 1998 the University of Auckland agreed to provide funding for one new Scholarship per year for candidates from Canada and the United Kingdom. It is expected that this arrangement will be reciprocal.

These Regulations are to be read in conjunction with the Universities New Zealand “Rules and Regulations for Scholars from Australia, Canada and the United Kingdom”.

Selection process

- application is made through the appropriate organisation in the recipient's home country
- a Selection Committee assesses the applications
- the Scholarships are awarded by the University of Auckland Council on the recommendation of the Scholarships Sub-Committee

Regulations

1. The Scholarships will be known as The University of Auckland Commonwealth Scholarships.
2. The Scholarships will be available each year to students to be enrolled full-time at the University of Auckland and who have paid the fees, or have arranged to pay the fees, for the Degree of Doctor of Philosophy or another approved Doctorate.
3. The Scholarships are tenable by students who are Canadian or British citizens and who are eligible to undertake doctoral study at the domestic fees rate.
4. The Scholarships will be awarded by the University of Auckland Council on the recommendation of the Scholarships Sub-Committee.
5. Selection will be based on academic merit, the proposed area of research, and the ability of the University to provide adequate supervision and access to resources.
6. A Scholarship will be tenable for a maximum of thirty-six months for a PhD candidate. The exact tenure will be stipulated by the Scholarships Sub-committee on a case by case basis as awards are made. A six month extension of funding may be granted on application to the Scholarships Sub-Committee. Scholarship payments will commence from the date of arrival in New Zealand which is expected to be no longer than two weeks prior to the first enrolment.

7. To comply with full-time study requirement in Regulation, the amount of additional and paid work a Scholar may undertake either inside or outside the University may not exceed a total of 500 hours per scholarship year. A recommendation from the Scholarships Sub-Committee to the Immigration authorities for a variation to the Scholar’s student permit will be required before any appointment can be made. Any fee payable for a variation to the student permit is the responsibility of the Scholar.

8. A University of Auckland Commonwealth Scholarship may not be held concurrently with any Postgraduate Scholarship awarded by Universities New Zealand unless the University of Auckland Council so approves. 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. If the value of co-tenured scholarships exceeds $35,000 the emolument for the University of Auckland Commonwealth Scholarship will be reduced to limit the co-tenured stipend total to $35,000.

9. A Scholarship may be terminated by the University of Auckland Council should the Scholarships Sub-Committee receive a report from a Scholar’s Head of Department indicating that progress is unsatisfactory.

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

Notes

I. Applications for these Scholarships must be made through the appropriate organisation in the Scholar’s home country on the Commonwealth Scholarship application form. Closing dates vary and these should be sought from the appropriate organisation in the Scholar’s home country.

II. The emolument attached to a University of Auckland Commonwealth Scholarship is currently up to NZ$27,000 per annum plus fees at the domestic PhD fees rate as detailed in the Universities New Zealand “Rules and Regulations for Scholars from Australia, Canada and the United Kingdom”. The emolument for future years will be as advised each time new Scholarships are awarded.