University of Auckland Bioengineering Masters Scholarships
for Māori and Pacific Students

Scholarship description

These Scholarships were established in 2017 and are funded by the Auckland Bioengineering Institute. The main purpose of the Scholarships is to encourage and support Māori and Pacific students to undertake a research masters degree in the Auckland Bioengineering Institute.

Selection process

- Application is made to the Scholarships Office
- 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 shall be known as the University of Auckland Bioengineering Masters Scholarships for Māori and Pacific Students.
2. One or more Scholarships may be awarded annually for a period of up to one year of full-time study (or equivalent), and will comprise a stipend of up to $13,000 paid in fortnightly instalments, plus compulsory fees. Payments and tenure will be pro-rated for part-time students (see Notes iii-iv).
3. The Scholarships shall be offered annually to students enrolled at the University of Auckland and who have paid the fees, or arranged to pay the fees, for full or part-time enrolment in the degree of Master of Engineering in Bioengineering (BIOENG 796) (see Note iii).
4. The Scholarships are tenable by Māori and Pacific students who are citizens or permanent residents of New Zealand.
5. Selection will be based on academic merit as assessed by the grade point average (GPA) or grade point equivalent (GPE) calculated over the most recent qualifying programme, the nature and quality of the research proposal and alignment of the proposed research with the strategic objectives of the Auckland Bioengineering Institute.
that may be considered in relation to academic merit include, but are not limited to, academic record, CV, research and publication record. Successful applicants will have a minimum GPA/GPE of 5.00 in their recent qualifying programme of study. Preference will be given to candidates who wish to work: a) in new areas of research where other sources of funding are difficult to find, b) with new members of staff who are just establishing their research programme, or c) on research projects of strategic importance to the Auckland Bioengineering Institute. The willingness of applicants to participate in outreach activities to Māori and Pacific student communities will also be taken into account (see Note ii).

6. The Scholarships shall be awarded annually by the University of Auckland Council on the recommendation of a Selection Committee consisting of the Deputy Director of Auckland Bioengineering Institute, the Associate Director of Research and the Associate Director Postgraduate of the Auckland Bioengineering Institute (or their nominees).

7. Payment will be made as a fortnightly stipend and a compulsory fees credit in each semester of enrolment. Payment of the stipend will commence from the third week of the first semester of enrolment.

8. The amount of additional and paid University work a Scholar may undertake shall not exceed a total of 500 hours across the period of tenure of the Scholarship (see Note iv).

9. A University of Auckland Bioengineering Masters Scholarship for Māori and Pacific Students may not be held concurrently with a University of Auckland Research Masters Scholarship, a University of Auckland Pacific Postgraduate Scholarship, a University of Auckland Māori Postgraduate Scholarship or a University of Auckland Bioengineering Masters Scholarship. However, it may be held with any other study award of grant where the regulations for that award or grant permit and where the University of Auckland Council so agrees. If the value of the co-tenured scholarship exceeds 75% of the University of Auckland Bioengineering Masters Scholarship for Māori and Pacific Students stipend value, the emolument for the University of Auckland Bioengineering Masters Scholarship for Māori and Pacific Students will be reduced to limit the additional co-tenured stipend value to 75% of the University of Auckland Bioengineering Masters Scholarship for Māori and Pacific Students.

10. The University of Auckland Council, in consultation with the donor, has the power to terminate or suspend a Scholarship if it receives an unsatisfactory report on the progress of a Scholarship from the Associate Director (Postgraduate) of the Auckland Bioengineering Institute.

11. 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.

12. Applications close with the Scholarships Office on 31 January and 1 July in the year of the award.

13. Notes [i] to [iv] below are deemed to be regulations.

Notes

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

II. The most recent qualifying programme is defined as the most recently completed programme of study that qualifies the applicant for entry to the postgraduate programme for which they are applying.

III. Payments will commence from the first semester of eligible enrolment following the awarding of this Scholarship. The Scholarship cannot be back-dated to cover any semesters of study that have already been undertaken towards a Masters degree prior to the application closing date. Recipients can take up the scholarship in semester one or semester two in the year of offer.

IV. Part-time Scholars will be paid on a pro-rata basis and the hours of additional and paid work a scholarship recipient can undertake shall not exceed a total of 1000 hours across the period of tenure of the Scholarship.

V. Students must also apply for admission to the Masters programme by the closing date for admission.

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