University of Auckland Business School Dean's Doctoral Scholarships

Scholarship description

These Scholarships were established in 2015 and are funded by the Office of Dean of the University of Auckland Business School. The intention of the scholarships is to encourage and support academically excellent students to undertake full-time doctoral study on a pre-determined topic that falls within one or more of the four Strategic Research Themes of the University of Auckland Business School: productivity and sustainability, innovation and value creation, leadership and governance and internationalisation.

Selection process

- Application is made to the Scholarships Office. Applicants must also complete a Doctoral Application for Admission (AfA) online
- A Selection Committee assesses potential candidates
- The Scholarship is awarded by the University of Auckland Council on the recommendation of the Business School

Regulations

1. The Scholarships shall be known as the University of Auckland Business School Dean's Doctoral Scholarships.
2. Up to five Scholarships will be awarded annually, depending on funding availability, for a period of up to three years, and will comprise a stipend of up to $27,000 per annum plus compulsory domestic PhD fees and compulsory international student health insurance, where applicable. Recipients will also be offered employment as a Research Assistant, Teaching Assistant or Graduate Teaching Assistant with the Business School (see Note i).
3. The Scholarships will be awarded to new applicants applying for admission to a PhD at the University of Auckland Business School. Students already enrolled in a PhD at the University of Auckland Business School are not eligible for consideration for this scholarship.
4. To take up the scholarship, recipients must be enrolled in a PhD at the University of Auckland Business School full-time and undertaking research that falls within one or more of the four Strategic Research Themes: productivity and
The Scholarships are tenable by domestic and international students who are paying domestic fees.

5. The basis of selection will be academic merit, and the quality and nature of the research proposal. Successful applicants will have a Qualifying Programme GPA or GPE of at least 7.00 (see Note ii).

6. The Scholarships will provide support for up to 36 months and payments will commence from the doctoral registration date. A further six months scholarship funding, subject to Scholarship Sub-Committee approval, may be available.

7. The Scholarships will be awarded by the University of Auckland Council upon the recommendation of a Selection Committee comprising the Dean of the Business School (or nominee), the Associate Dean Postgraduate (or nominee) and the Associate Dean Research (or nominee).

8. The Scholarships may not be held concurrently with a University of Auckland Doctoral Scholarship, or with any other New Zealand government or foreign government funded scholarships. However, it may be held with any other award or grant as long as a) the terms of that award or grant permit and b) the University of Auckland Council is informed and approves. The maximum allowable co-tenure amount is 75% of the stipend value of this Scholarship. If the value of the co-tenured scholarship exceeds 75% the emolument for the University of Auckland Business School Dean’s Doctoral Scholarship will be reduced to limit the additional co-tenured stipend value to 75%.

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 Director of the Business School programme, a Head of Department or Thesis Supervisor.

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. 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 vi).

Applications close with the Scholarships Office on 15 July and 15 November in the year of the award.

Notes 

I. Recipients will be offered an opportunity to contribute to the Business School’s research agenda as a Research Assistant (RA) or teaching programme as a Graduate Teaching Assistant (GTA) or Teaching Assistant (TA). Research assistants will be expected to work closely with their supervisor on research that supports the Business School’s strategic research themes. The University’s employment restrictions of a maximum of 500 hours per scholarship year apply and taxable remuneration will be based on the recipient’s experience.

II. 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.

III. Each year recipients of the Scholarships 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. The Dean may, with the Support of the Selection Committee, in the event it can be established that a recipient of the Scholarship is not complying with these regulations, terminate the Scholarship and require repayment of the funds received from the date of the breach.

IV. Scholarship holders must, in their third year, give a public presentation of their research in the Business School. Failure to present is sufficient cause for the Dean of the Business School to exercise discretionary power to terminate or suspend the Scholarship.

V. These regulations are subject to Senate and Council approval.
VI. 4 weeks annual leave per year, when spent outside New Zealand, does not count towards the 12 months that can be spent overseas.