University of Auckland Northern Hemisphere Summer Research Scholarships

Scholarship description

The Scholarships were established in 2017 and are funded by the University of Auckland. The main purpose of these Scholarships is to give current university students from key partner universities, the University of Bristol, the University of Southampton, Zhejiang University, Pennsylvania State University, Tecnologico de Monterrey and the University of Hong Kong, an opportunity to experience research at the University of Auckland, and to thereby encourage the development of and strengthening of research relationships with the University of Auckland.

Selection process

- application is made online 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 Northern Hemisphere Summer Research Scholarships.
2. The University of Auckland Northern Hemisphere Summer Research Scholarships provide a tax-free stipend of up to $4,400, payable within the period of June to August inclusive and a contribution to travel costs of up to $2,000 and international student health and travel insurance. Stipends are payable in consecutive fortnightly instalments up to the value of $4,400. Payments may be pro-rated based on the duration of the research project (see Note ii).
3. Thirty University of Auckland Northern Hemisphere Summer Research Scholarships may be awarded, of which five may be awarded to students from each of the following institutions: University of Bristol, University of Southampton, Zhejiang University, Pennsylvania State University, Tecnologico de Monterrey and University of Hong Kong.
4. All students are required to apply for admission to the University of Auckland Northern Hemisphere Summer
Research Scholarships programme and enrol in the Summer Research course, SUMRESCH 302, and are expected to conduct a research project of approximately 8 weeks duration under the supervision of an academic staff member. Actual starting and finishing dates must be agreed by the supervisor but must fall within the period June-August inclusive.

5. The Scholarships are tenable by students enrolled at either the University of Bristol, University of Southampton, Zhejiang University, Pennsylvania State University, Tecnologico de Monterrey or the University of Hong Kong at the time of application.

6. To be eligible for scholarship consideration, students must satisfy the requirements of regulations 5, 7, 8 and 9.

7. Undergraduate students who will have completed at least two years of equivalent full-time study in an undergraduate degree at the time of take-up of the award, and students who are enrolled in a sub-doctoral postgraduate programme at the time of application (provided they will not commence doctoral study prior to or during the tenure of the scholarship), are eligible for consideration for a University of Auckland Northern Hemisphere Summer Research Scholarship.

8. A student must have a Scholarship Grade Point Equivalent of 6.00 or above over their two most recent years of full-time study (or equivalent) to be considered for a scholarship (see Note iii).

9. A student must nominate a project from a predetermined list of supervised projects offered by faculties (see Note iv).

10. The basis for selection will be academic merit measured by Scholarship GPE, and the alignment of the applicant’s academic and/or professional profile with the proposed research topic. In order to assess applications, supporting documentation (as detailed in any guidelines and application forms), including but not limited to CV and personal and/or project statement may be requested.

11. The University reserves the right to consider students for topics other than those nominated by the student. In all cases, only one scholarship may be awarded per student.

12. The Scholarships will be awarded by the University of Auckland Council on the recommendation of a Selection Committee comprising the Deputy Vice Chancellor (Research) (or nominee), and two members of the University of Auckland Research Committee nominated by the Deputy Vice Chancellor (Research).

13. Successful applicants will be required to observe the research plan and frequency of meetings as agreed with their supervisors at the start of the project; failure to do so will result in forfeiture of this Scholarship.

14. A student will be required to be co-located in the same town as their supervisor for the period of the Scholarship, except during any project-related travel.

15. Applications close with the Scholarships Office on 12 February in the year of the award.

16. Notes i-vi are deemed to be regulations.

**Notes**

I. In order to take up the Scholarship, international students must have an appropriate visa for the duration of the Scholarship.

II. Reimbursement of travel costs is subject to receipt of evidence of purchase of airline tickets. Reimbursement will be made on arrival in New Zealand.

III. The Scholarship GPE (SGPE) calculation will take into account all courses studied in the most recent two years of full-time study (or equivalent), including conjoint courses.

IV. Reports submitted at the end of the project and written in project working time must be the work of the student, should follow the stated report guidelines (unless the Faculty determines otherwise), and must be submitted by the deadline specified by the Faculty. The language must be aimed at a general readership, unlikely to be familiar with the terminology used in specialist academic units.

V. The list of Northern Hemisphere Summer Research topics and the submission dates for reports can be found on the University of Auckland Northern Hemisphere Summer Research Scholarships webpages.

VI. Responsibility for any costs incurred in the course of the research project must be clarified with the supervisor and academic unit at the time of acceptance of the Scholarship.