Academic Career Advancement Award

**Code:** 778  
**Faculty:** All  
**Applicable study:** Academic Career Advancement Programme  
**Closing date:** 31 August  
**Tenure:** One Academic Year  
**For:** Programme costs as determined by the School of Graduate Studies  
**Number on offer:** Varies  
**Offer rate:** Annually  
**Value:** Programme costs as determined by the School of Graduate Studies

### Description

The Award was established in 2014 (formerly known as the Academic Career Exploration Award) and is funded by the School of Graduate Studies.

The main purpose of the Award is to enable doctoral students with strong academic leadership potential to enrol in the Academic Career Advancement Programme.

### Selection process

- Application is made to the Scholarships Office  
- A Selection Committee assesses the applications for both the Award and admission to the Academic Career Advancement Programme  
- The Award is made by the University of Auckland Council on the recommendation of the Selection Committee

### Regulations

1. The Award will be known as the Academic Career Advancement Award.  
2. The Award shall be available to students enrolled full-time at the University of Auckland who have paid the fees or arranged to pay the fees for a doctoral degree. Applicants must be within 18 months of full-time enrolment from the commencement of their doctoral candidature at the time of application and must have had their candidature confirmed before Semester One Orientation in the year of the award (see Note I).  
3. The Award will be made annually, each for a period of one year, and will cover the costs of the Academic Career Advancement Programme.  
4. To take up the Award, candidates must enrol in and complete the Academic Career Advancement Programme (see Regulation 9 and Notes I to III).  
5. The Award is tenable by domestic and international students.  
6. The basis of selection will be academic merit as measured by the qualifying programme for entry to the doctoral programme, potential academic leadership capability demonstrated by relevant participation in academic life, the quality of proposed academic career plans, and endorsement of the main supervisor. Where a qualifying programme...
with a grade point average (GPA) or grade point equivalent (GPE) is the basis for entry to the doctoral programme, an applicant must have a GPA/GPE of 6.00 or above in that qualifying programme to be eligible for award consideration. Where a qualifying programme is entirely pass/fail, the University may generate a GPA only where the programme consists entirely of a thesis (see Note III).

7. The Award will be made by the University of Auckland Council upon the recommendation of a Selection Committee comprising the Dean of the School of Graduate Studies (or nominee) and two representatives of the School of Graduate Studies.

8. The Award may be held concurrently with any other scholarship, award or grant as long as the regulations for that scholarship, award or grant permit and the University of Auckland Council is informed and approves. It is the responsibility of the recipient to declare to the Scholarships Office all other scholarships, awards or grant funding received and for which the awardee receives payment while also in payment for this Scholarship.

9. The University of Auckland Council has the power to terminate or suspend this Award, and enrolment in the Academic Career Advancement Programme, if it receives an unsatisfactory report on the progress of a Scholar from the Director Education or Dean of the School of Graduate Studies.

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. The University of Auckland has the power to amend or vary these Regulations, in consultation with the School of Graduate Studies, provided that there is no departure from the main purpose of the Award.

12. Applications close with the Scholarships Office on 31 August in the year preceding the award.

13. Notes [I]-[V] below are deemed to be regulations.

Notes

I. Further information on the Academic Career Advancement Programme can be found at https://www.auckland.ac.nz/en/students/academic-information/postgraduate-students/school-of-graduate-studies/doctoral-opportunities/acap.html.

II. Candidates will be required to provide a copy of the letter they have received from the Board of Graduate Studies confirming that they have completed their provisional period of candidature.

III. Confirmation of continued enrolment in the Academic Career Advancement Programme may be provided by attendance reports. Absences will not usually be approved unless there are compelling medical or adverse personal circumstances beyond the student's control.

IV. Where the qualifying programme is an undergraduate honours degree (or equivalent undergraduate degree or integrated undergraduate and 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 qualifying programme.

V. Recipients of an Academic Career Advancement Award will be required to give undertakings that they will comply with the regulations for the Award and will notify the Scholarships Office of any change in their enrolment or funding status. The University of Auckland may, in the event that it can be established that a recipient of an Academic Career Advancement Award is not complying with these regulations, terminate the Award.