Academic Career Exploration Award

**Description**

The Award was established in 2014 and is funded by the Centre for Learning and Research in Higher Education.

The main purpose of the Award is to enable doctoral students with strong academic leadership potential to enrol in the Doctoral Academic Leadership Initiative.

**Selection process**

- Application is made to the Scholarships Office
- A Selection Committee assesses the applications for both the Award and admission to the Doctoral Academic Leadership Initiative
- 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 Exploration 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 of their doctoral registration date at the time of application and have had their registration 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 Doctoral Academic Leadership Initiative programme.
4. To take up and be paid the Award, candidates must be enrol in and complete the Doctoral Academic Leadership Initiative (see Notes I-II).
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 Awards 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 Centre for Learning and Research in Higher Education.

8. The Award may be held concurrently 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.

9. The University of Auckland Council, in consultation with the Donor, has the power to terminate or suspend this Award, and enrolment in the Doctoral Academic Leadership Initiative, if it receives an unsatisfactory report on the progress of a Scholar from the Director of the Centre for Learning and Research in Higher Education or the 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 Centre for Learning and Research in Higher Education, provided that there is no departure from the main purpose of the Scholarship.

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

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

Notes

I. 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 registration.

II. Confirmation of continued enrolment in the Doctoral Academic Leadership Initiative 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.

III. Where the 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 qualifying programme.