

Agnes Paykel PhD Scholarship

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| Code: | 735 |
| Faculty: | Liggins Institute |
| Applicable study: | PhD Study in the Liggins Institute |
| Closing date: | By nomination |
| Tenure: | Up to three years |
| For: | Domestic and domestic-fee paying international students |
| Number on offer: | One |
| Offer rate: | One-off |
| Value: | Up to \$27,000pa stipend plus domestic PhD fees and international student health insurance (if applicable) |

Description

The Scholarship was established in 2013 and is funded by the Agnes Paykel Trust.

The main purpose of the Scholarship is to support a full-time doctoral student in the Liggins Institute engaged in basic or clinical research.

Selection process

- Nomination is made to the Scholarships Office
- The Scholarship is awarded by the University of Auckland Council on the recommendation of the Selection Committee

Regulations

1. The Scholarship shall be known as the Agnes Paykel PhD Scholarship.
2. One Scholarship will be awarded for a period of up to three years, and will comprise a stipend of up to \$27,000 per annum plus compulsory fees for domestic and international students who are eligible to study under the domestic fees policy, and compulsory international student health insurance, where applicable (see Note I).
3. To take up and be paid the Scholarship, recipients must have paid the fees, or arranged to pay the fees, for full-time enrolment in a PhD within the Liggins Institute and be engaged in basic or clinical research.
4. The Scholarship is tenable by domestic students and international students who are eligible to pay domestic fees (see Note II).
5. The basis of selection will be academic merit, the quality and nature of the proposed research topic, and endorsement by the host academic unit. Matters that may be considered in relation to academic merit include but are not limited to, academic record, standing of awarding institution, academic references, CV and research and publication record. Where a qualifying programme with a grade point average (GPA) or grade point equivalent (GPE) is the basis for entry to the PhD, a candidate must have a GPA/GPE of at least 7.00 (6.50 for Māori or Pacific candidates) to be eligible for scholarship 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).

6. The Scholarship will provide support for up to 36 months and payments will commence from the doctoral registration date or the date nominated by the Liggins Institute (whichever is the later date). A further six months scholarship funding, subject to Scholarships Committee approval, may be available.
7. Subject to Regulation 6, the Scholarship will be tenable until the date of submission or 48 months of active enrolment from the registration date, whichever is the earlier.
8. To comply with the full-time study requirement in Regulation 3, the amount of additional and paid work a Scholar may undertake either inside or outside the University shall not exceed a total of 500 hours per year (see Note IV).
9. The Scholarships will be awarded by the University of Auckland Council upon the recommendation of a Selection Committee comprising the Director of the Liggins Institute (or nominee), the Associate Director - Research of the Liggins Institute (or nominee) and the Associate Director – Postgraduate of the Liggins Institute (or nominee).
10. The Scholarship may not be held concurrently with a University of Auckland Doctoral Scholarship or with any other scholarship, award or grant that pays a stipend or tuition fees. However, it may be held with any other scholarship, award or grant where the regulations for that scholarship, award or grant permit, and where the University of Auckland Council is informed and approves.
11. The University of Auckland Council, in consultation with the Donor, has the power to terminate or suspend a Scholarship if it receives a report of unsatisfactory progress of a Scholar from the Director of the Liggins Institute.
12. The University of Auckland Council is not obliged to make an award if in any year there is no candidate of sufficient merit.
13. 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.
14. Notes [I]-[VI] below are deemed to be regulations.

Notes

- I. Tuition/Compulsory fees are those related to the relevant programme of study, including Student Services Fee and Building Levy, plus compulsory international student health insurance (where applicable).*
- II. To be able to pay domestic PhD fees, recipients who are permanent residents of New Zealand or Australia, Australian citizens or international students may only be resident outside of New Zealand for a maximum total of twelve months over the period of their enrolment in their doctoral degree and only for the purposes of conducting research.*
- III. 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.*
- IV. Paid work that is part of an approved University of Auckland Internship is not counted towards the 500 hours of additional and paid work that a Scholar may undertake while in receipt of a scholarship.*
- V. Payments under the terms of this Scholarship remain tax-free as long as they are used directly for the payment of costs associated with an awardee's programme of study. Failure to comply with this regulation will result in the termination of the Scholarship.*
- VI. Recipients of an Agnes Paykel PhD Scholarship will be required to give undertakings that they will comply with the regulations for the Scholarship and will notify the Scholarships Office of any change in their enrolment, employment or funding status. The University of Auckland, in the event that it can be established that a recipient of an Agnes Paykel PhD Scholarship is not complying with these regulations, terminate the Scholarship and require repayment of the funds received from the date of the breach.*