

Auckland Council Biosecurity Scholarship

Code:	1049
Faculty:	Science
Applicable study:	Masters thesis or PhD related to Biosecurity
Closing date:	By nomination
Tenure:	One year
For:	Assistance with study
Number on offer:	At least one
Offer rate:	Annually
Value:	Up to \$10,000

Description

The Scholarship was established in 2019 and is funded by the Auckland Council.

The main purpose of the Scholarship is to encourage high-achieving students who are currently undertaking research in biosecurity as part of a research masters degree or a PhD at the University of Auckland.

Selection process

- Application is made to the Scholarships Office
- A Selection Committee assesses the applications
- The Scholarship is awarded by the University of Auckland Council on the recommendation of the Selection Committee

Regulations

1. The Scholarship will be known as the Auckland Council Biosecurity Scholarship.
2. One or more Scholarships will be awarded annually, for a period of up to one year and will be of the value of up to \$10,000 each. Subject to funding availability, the tenure may be extended for recipients enrolled in a PhD.
3. The Scholarship may be awarded to students who meet all the requirements of these regulations and enrol full-time or part-time at the University of Auckland in a masters thesis with a points value of at least 90 points or a PhD undertaking research in biosecurity.
4. The Scholarship is tenable by students who are New Zealand citizens or permanent residents.
5. The basis of selection will be academic merit as assessed by the grade point average (GPA) or grade point equivalent (GPE) calculated over the most recent qualifying programme and the alignment of the proposed research with the aims and objectives of the Auckland Council biosecurity team. Successful applicants will have a minimum GPA/GPE of 7.00 (6.50 for Māori or Pacific candidates) in their most recent qualifying programme for study (see Notes II-III).
6. The Scholarship will be awarded by the University of Auckland Council upon the recommendation of a Selection Committee comprising the Head of the School of Environment (or nominee), the Head of the School of Biological Sciences (or nominee) and one representative from the Auckland Council Biosecurity Unit (see Note IV).

7. Payment will be made in two equal instalments. The first instalment will be made upon confirmation of enrolment and acceptance of the research proposal by the Auckland Council. The second instalment will be made after acceptance of a summary report and presentation to the Auckland Council. Payment to part-time students will be pro-rated (see Notes V to VI).
8. The Scholarship 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, 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 Associate Dean (Research) or Associate Dean (Doctoral) of the Faculty of Science.
10. 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.
11. Notes [I] – [IX] below are deemed to be Regulations.

Notes

- I. *The proposed research should align with the work done by the Auckland Council Biosecurity Unit.*
- II. *For the purposes of a masters thesis programme, the most recent qualifying programme is defined as the most recently completed programme of study that qualifies the applicant for entry to the research masters programme for which they are applying. Where the most recently completed programme is a conjoint programme the GPA/GPE will be calculated over the entirety of the conjoint programme. The maximum approved exchange or transfer credit that can be excluded from the GPA/GPE calculation for the qualifying programme is 60 points. Where the most recent qualifying programme is a Transitional Certificate, the qualifying programme is the Transitional Certificate and the most recently completed prior degree.*
- III. *For the purposes of a PhD programme, where the qualifying programme is an undergraduate honours degree (or equivalent undergraduate degree or integrated undergraduate and postgraduate degree), the GPA/GPE will be calculated over the final two years of full-time graded study (or equivalent) in the programme. In all other cases, the GPA/GPE will be calculated over the entirety of the programme.*
- IV. *Nomination of Scholarship recipients may be made by the Selection Committee at various points during the year.*
- V. *The Scholarship must be taken up in either the first or second semester in the year of the award by recipients enrolled in a masters degree. In order to take up the Scholarship, PhD students must enrol within six months of the scholarship offer, otherwise the scholarship offer will lapse.*
- VI. *Recipients enrolled in a PhD will be required to make an annual summary report in each year of tenure of the Scholarship.*
- VII. *Recipients of an Auckland Council Biosecurity 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 may, in the event that it can be established that a recipient of an Auckland Council Biosecurity Scholarship is not complying with these regulations, terminate the Scholarship and require repayment of the funds received from the date of the breach.*
- VIII. *If any detail of the research that might have implications directly relating to Auckland Council operations are to be released to the media (including social media), Auckland Council must be notified a minimum of five working days prior to the media release.*
- IX. *Payments under the terms of this Scholarship remain tax-free as long as they are used for the payment of costs associated with an awardee's programme of study and to assist the awardee with living costs while studying. Failure to comply with this regulation will result in the termination of the Scholarship.*