Carol Ada Cliff Doctoral Scholarship

**Code:** 728  
**Faculty:** Creative Arts & Industries  
**Applicable study:** First Year of DocFA or PhD in Fine Arts  
**Closing date:** By nomination  
**Tenure:** One Year  
**For:** Assistance  
**Number on offer:** One  
**Offer rate:** Annually  
**Value:** Up to $5,000

## Description

The Scholarship was established in 2013 and is funded by Carol Ada Cliff.

The main purpose of the Scholarship is to support a doctoral student in their first year of a Doctor of Fine Arts or a PhD at the Elam School of Fine Arts.

## Selection process

- A Selection Committee assesses the applications  
- 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 Carol Ada Cliff Doctoral Scholarship.  
2. One Scholarship will be awarded annually, and will be of the value of up to $5,500.  
3. To take up and be paid the Scholarship, the candidate must have paid the fees, or arranged to pay the fees, for entry into the first year of full-time enrolment in a Doctor of Fine Arts (DocFA) or a PhD in Fine Arts in the Faculty of Creative Arts and Industries.  
4. The Scholarship is tenable by domestic or international students.  
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, research and publication record. Where a completed programme with a grade point average (GPA) or grade point equivalent (GPE) is the basis for entry to the doctoral programme, a candidate must have a GPA/GPE of 7.00 or above (6.50 for Māori or Pacific candidates) in that programme to be eligible for scholarship consideration (see Note I).  
6. The Scholarship will be paid in one lump sum following enrolment into the doctoral programme or the date nominated by the Faculty of Creative Arts and Industries (whichever is the later date) (see Note II).  
7. The Scholarship will be awarded by the University of Auckland Council upon the recommendation of a Selection Committee.
Committee comprising the Dean of the Faculty of Creative Arts and Industries (or nominee), the Head of Elam School of Fine Arts (or nominee) and an academic staff member from the Elam School of Fine Arts nominated by the Head of School.

8. The Scholarship may not be held concurrently with a University of Auckland Doctoral Scholarship but may be held with any other scholarship, award or grant as long as a) the terms of that scholarship, award or grant permit and b) the University of Auckland Council is informed and approves.

9. The University of Auckland Council is not obliged to make an award if in any year there is no candidate of sufficient merit.

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]-[IV] below are deemed to be regulations.

**Notes**

I. 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 programme.

II. Scholars are required to either enrol and take up their Scholarship within 6 months or, in exceptional cases, to have obtained approval for a delayed take up time from the Dean of the Faculty of Creative Arts and Industries. The latest possible date for enrolment is 1 December in the year of the award.

III. 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.

IV. Recipients of a Carol Ada Cliff Doctoral 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 or funding status. The University of Auckland may, in the event that it can be established that a recipient of a Carol Ada Cliff Doctoral Scholarship is not complying with these regulations, terminate the Scholarship and require repayment of the funds received.