

## Dean of Arts Masters Thesis Scholarship

<b>Code:</b>	817
<b>Faculty:</b>	Arts
<b>Applicable study:</b>	Thesis study for MA, MLitt, MPP, MCTS, MCW or MTheol in the Faculty of Arts
<b>Closing date:</b>	By nomination
<b>Tenure:</b>	One year
<b>For:</b>	Assistance with study
<b>Number on offer:</b>	Up to three
<b>Offer rate:</b>	Annually
<b>Value:</b>	Up to \$3,000

### Description

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The Scholarship was established in 2015 and is funded by donors to the Faculty of Arts Annual Appeal.

The main purpose of the Scholarship is to encourage and support students undertaking a research thesis or portfolio for an approved Master's degree in the Faculty of Arts.

### Selection process

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- 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

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1. The Scholarship will be known as the Dean of Arts Masters Thesis Scholarship.
2. Up to three Scholarships will be awarded annually, each for a period of up to one year of equivalent full time study, and each will be of the value of up to \$3,000.
3. The Scholarship will be awarded to candidates who have paid the fees, or arranged to pay the fees, for full or part-time enrolment in a thesis or research portfolio of at least 90 points for the degree of Master of Arts, Master of Literature, Master of Public Policy, Master of Conflict and Terrorism Studies, Master of Creative Writing or Master of Theology.
4. The Scholarship is tenable by students who are New Zealand citizens or permanent residents of New Zealand.
5. The basis of selection will be academic merit assessed by the grade point average (GPA) or grade point equivalent (GPE) calculated over the most recent qualifying programme. A GPA or GPE of 7.00 (6.50 for Māori or Pacific candidates) is required for consideration for the Scholarship (see Note I).
6. The Scholarship will be awarded by the University of Auckland Council on the recommendation of a Selection Committee comprising the Associate Dean (Academic) of the Faculty of Arts (or nominee), the Associate Dean (Postgraduate) of the Faculty of Arts (or nominee), and one other member of academic staff of the Faculty of Arts, nominated by the Dean.
7. The Scholarship will be paid in one instalment in the first semester of enrolment. Payments to part-time students will

be pro-rated.

8. The Scholarship may not be held concurrently with a University of Auckland Research Masters Scholarship, a University of Auckland Māori Postgraduate Scholarship, a University of Auckland Pacific Postgraduate Scholarship, a Faculty of Arts Masters / Honours / PGDip Scholarship, or a Faculty of Arts Masters Thesis Scholarship. However it may be held 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 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 Faculty of Arts, provided that there is no departure from the main purpose of the Scholarship.
11. Notes [I]-[III] below are deemed to be regulations.

## Notes

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- I. The most recent qualifying programme is defined as the most recently completed programme of study that qualifies the applicant for entry to the postgraduate programme for which they are applying. Where the most recently completed programme is a conjoint programme the GPA/GPE will be calculated over the relevant component 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 recently completed programme is a Transitional Certificate, the qualifying programme is the Transitional Certificate and the most recently completed prior degree.*
- II. 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 and to assist the awardee with living costs while studying. Failure to comply with this regulation will result in the termination of the Scholarship.*
- III. Recipients of a Dean of Arts Masters Thesis 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 Dean of Arts Masters Thesis Scholarship is not complying with these Regulations, terminate the Scholarship and require repayment of the funds received.*