DELNA PhD Scholarship

**Code:** 1066  
**Faculty:** All  
**Applicable study:** PhD in Language Assessment or related area  
**Closing date:** TBC  
**Tenure:** One year  
**For:** Assistance with study  
**Number on offer:** One  
**Offer rate:** Annually  
**Value:** Up to $10,000

**Description**

The Scholarship was established in 2020 and is funded by DELNA (Diagnostic English Language Needs Assessment).

The intention of the Scholarship is to encourage and support academically excellent domestic and international students with their doctoral study on a topic in language assessment which is relevant to DELNA 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 DELNA PhD Scholarship.  
2. One Scholarship will be awarded annually, for a period of up one year and will be of the value of up to $10,000. Recipients may reapply for the Scholarship in subsequent years.  
3. The Scholarship may be awarded to a student enrolled full-time in a PhD undertaking a topic in language assessment which is relevant to DELNA (see Note I).  
4. The Scholarship is tenable by domestic and international students.  
5. The basis of selection will be academic merit and the quality and nature of the research. 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 PhD, 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 II).  
6. The Scholarship will be awarded by the University of Auckland Council upon the recommendation of a Selection Committee comprising the Academic Head of DELNA (or nominee), the Academic Advisor of DELNA (or nominee) and the DELNA Manager (or nominee).
7. The Scholarship will be paid as a fortnightly stipend.
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. Recipients of the Scholarship will be required to provide a progress report to the Academic Advisor of DELNA at the end of the first six months of the Scholarship, and provide an end-of-year report at the end of the Scholarship tenure.
10. The University of Auckland Council has the power to terminate or suspend a Scholarship if it receives a report of unsatisfactory progress of a Scholar from the Academic Advisor of DELNA.
11. The University of Auckland Council has the power to amend or vary these Regulations, in consultation with the Academic Advisor of DELNA, provided that there is no departure from the main purpose of the Scholarship.
12. Notes [I] – [V] below are deemed to be Regulations.

Notes

I. PhD candidates undertaking research in language assessment or related area may contact the DELNA office (email delna@auckland.ac.nz) to discuss their application before applying.

II. 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.

III. In making a recommendation for this Scholarship the Selection Committee shall take into account other scholarships, bursaries and awards held by the candidates, with a view to achieving a fair distribution of monies among qualifying candidates.

IV. 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.

V. Recipients of a DELNA 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 may, in the event it can be established that a recipient of a DELNA PhD Scholarship is not complying with these regulations, terminate the Scholarship and require repayment of the funds received from the date of the breach.