Department of Engineering Science Masters Scholarship

**Description**

The Scholarship was established in 2021 and is funded by the Department of Engineering Science. The intention of the Scholarship is to encourage and support students to undertake a Master of Engineering in Engineering Science or a Master of Operations Research and Analytics in the Department of Engineering Science at the University of Auckland.

**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 will be known as the Department of Engineering Science Masters Scholarship.
2. Scholarships will be awarded annually for a period of up to one year and will be of the value of up to $13,655 in 2023 paid as a fortnightly stipend, plus compulsory fees (See Note I).
3. To be eligible for Scholarship consideration, a candidate must be i) a citizen or permanent resident of New Zealand, and ii) enrolled, or enrolling, full-time in ENGSCI 796 in a Master of Engineering or ENGSCI 798 in a Master of Operations Research and Analytics in the Department of Engineering Science in the Faculty of Engineering at the University of Auckland. A grade point average (GPA) or grade point equivalent (GPE) of at least 7.00 (6.50 for Māori and Pacific applicants) in their most recent qualifying programme is required for Scholarship consideration (see Note III).
4. The basis of selection will be academic achievement as assessed by the grade point average (GPA) or grade point equivalent (GPE) calculated over the most recent qualifying programme (see Note II) and the nature and quality of the research proposal. The following departmental strategic priority may also inform selection: support for candidates who wish to work i) in new areas of research where other sources of funding are difficult to find, ii) with new members of staff who are just establishing their research programme, and/or iii) on research projects of strategic importance to the Department of Engineering Science (see Note III).
The Scholarship will be awarded by the University of Auckland Council on the recommendation of a Selection Committee comprising the Head of the Department of Engineering Science (or nominee), the Deputy Head of Department (Research) (or nominee) and the Departmental Postgraduate Advisor from the Department of Engineering Science (or nominee).

To be paid the Scholarship, awardees must be enrolled full-time in ENGSCI 796 in a Master of Engineering or ENGSCI 798 in a Master of Operations Research and Analytics in the Department of Engineering Science.

Payment will be made as a fortnightly stipend and a compulsory fees credit. Stipend payments will commence in the first semester of enrolment, as soon as is practical after confirmation of the awardee’s enrolment (that is, after the final date on which a student may add or delete courses without incurring a late enrolment fee). Awardees who commence their programme in December will receive their stipend payments from the third week of December.

The Department of Engineering Science Masters Scholarship may not be held with a University of Auckland Research Masters Scholarship, a University of Auckland Pacific Postgraduate Scholarship, a University of Auckland Māori Postgraduate Scholarship, or a Department of Engineering Science Masters Award. 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. 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.

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 during the tenure of this Scholarship.

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 Associate Dean (Postgraduate Research) of the Faculty of Engineering.

The University of Auckland Council is not obliged to make an award if it is determined there is no candidate that meets the criteria and/or no candidate of sufficient merit.

The University of Auckland Council can amend or vary these Regulations provided that there is no departure from the main purpose of the Scholarship.

Notes [I] – [V] below are deemed to be Regulations.

Notes

I. Compulsory fees are only those related to the relevant programme of study, plus Student Services Fee.

II. 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 qualifying 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 a bridging programme, including a Transitional Certificate, Graduate Diploma or Certificate of Proficiency, is required to qualify the applicant for entry to the postgraduate programme in which they are applying, the qualifying programme is the bridging programme and the most recently completed prior programme.

III. The research proposal must have been assessed and approved by the supervisor of the thesis at the Department of Engineering Science.

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/or to assist the awardee with living costs while studying. Failure to comply with this regulation will result in the termination of the Scholarship.

V. Awardees will be required to comply with the regulations for the Scholarship and must 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 an awardee is not complying with these regulations, terminate the Scholarship and require repayment of the funds received from the date of the breach.

VI. These regulations are subject to Senate and Council approval.