Energy Centre PhD Scholarship

Description

The Scholarship was established in 2019 and is funded by the Energy Centre at the University of Auckland. The intention of the Scholarship is to encourage and support an academically excellent domestic and international student, who is paying domestic fees, to undertake doctoral study at the University of Auckland, researching markets for methane derived from gas hydrates.

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 Energy Centre PhD Scholarship.
2. One Scholarship will be awarded for a period of up three years and will be up to the value of $27,900 per annum plus a contribution of $7,600 towards compulsory fees for all domestic and international students who are eligible to study under the domestic fees policy, and compulsory international student health insurance, where applicable (see Notes II and III). Part-time students will be paid pro-rata for up to 72 months (see Note V).
3. The Scholarship may be awarded to new students applying for admission to a PhD in the Business School at the University of Auckland who meet all the requirements of these regulations. Eligible candidates who have begun their PhD programme in the Business School may be considered for this Scholarship.
4. The Scholarship is tenable by full-time domestic and international students who are eligible to pay domestic fees (see Note III). The scholarship may also be available to domestic students for whom socially compelling reasons make part-time enrolment preferable (see Note V).
5. The basis of selection will be academic merit and the quality and nature of the research proposal. 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. Previous study in Economics at masters or
honours level is required. 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 IV).

6. The Scholarship will be awarded by the University of Auckland Council upon the recommendation of a Selection Committee comprising the Associate Dean (Postgraduate) of the Business School (or nominee), the Director of the Energy Centre (or nominee), and one member of Academic Staff from the Energy Centre, nominated by the Director of the Energy Centre.

7. Domestic and international students will be required to enrol within 3 and within 6 months respectively of the date of their unconditional programme offer, otherwise the scholarship offer will lapse. The Awardee must also meet all requirements of their admission and scholarship offer before any payments will be made.

8. The Scholarship will provide support for up to 36 months of study and payments will commence from the doctoral enrolment date in the case of new students, and from the date recommended by the Selection Committee and approved by the Scholarships Committee in the case of students who have already commenced their programme. A further six months of scholarship funding, subject to Scholarship Committee approval, may be available. These durations shall be pro-rated for part-time scholarship awardees (see Note V).

9. Subject to regulation 8, the Scholarship shall be tenable until the date of either submission or 48 months of active enrolment from the doctoral enrolment date, whichever is the earlier.

10. 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 scholarship year (see Note VII).

11. The Energy Centre PhD Scholarship may not be held concurrently with a University of Auckland Doctoral Scholarship or with any other New Zealand government or foreign government-funded scholarships or grants. However, it may be held with any other study award or grant where the regulations for that award or grant permit, and where the University of Auckland Council so approves, up to an additional maximum of 75% of the stipend value of the Energy Centre PhD Scholarship. If the value of the co-tenured scholarship exceeds 75% of the Energy Centre PhD Scholarship stipend value, the emolument for the Energy Centre PhD Scholarship will be reduced to limit the additional co-tenured stipend value to 75% of the Energy Centre PhD Scholarship stipend value.

12. 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 (Postgraduate) of the Business School.

13. The University of Auckland Council has the power to amend or vary these Regulations, in consultation with the Energy Centre, provided that there is no departure from the main purpose of the Scholarship.

14. Applications close with the Scholarships Office on 21 May in the year of the award.

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

Notes

I. For more information about possible research topics can be discussed with Professor Basil Sharp – b.sharp@auckland.ac.nz.

II. Compulsory fees are those only related to the relevant Doctoral study, plus Student Services Fee. In addition, for international students, a contribution to the single student Health Insurance compulsory charge (as detailed on the tuition fees invoice) may be available.

III. To be eligible to pay domestic PhD fees, recipients who are permanent residents of New Zealand or Australia, Australian citizens or international students may only be resident outside of New Zealand for a maximum total of twelve months over the period of their enrolment in their doctoral degree and only for the purposes of conducting research.

IV. 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.
V. Recipients of Energy Centre PhD Scholarship are normally required to be enrolled on a full-time basis. However, domestic students for whom socially compelling reasons make part-time enrolment preferable may apply to hold a scholarship on a part-time basis pro-rated. Socially compelling reasons include a) carer responsibilities for: pre-school and/or school-aged children; an invalid or disabled family / whanau member; or b) medical condition(s), impairment(s) or disabilities. Applicants will not be granted permission to hold an Energy Centre PhD Scholarship on a part-time basis if they wish to undertake full-time paid employment or substantial part-time employment. Students who hold a scholarship on a part-time basis are subject to the same employment restrictions as full-time scholarship holders (i.e. 500 hours per scholarship year; refer Regulation 9 and Note ix) and are required to change to full-time enrolment if a change in their circumstances means they no longer qualify to hold the scholarship on a part-time basis.

VI. Recipients of an Energy Centre 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 an Energy Centre PhD Scholarship is not complying with these regulations, terminate the Scholarship and require repayment of the funds received from the date of the breach.

VII. Paid work that is required as part of an approved doctoral programme (such as an internship for some named doctorates) or that is undertaken as part of an approved University of Auckland Internship, is not counted towards the 500 hours of additional and paid work that a Scholar may undertake while in receipt of a scholarship.

VIII. These Regulations are subject to Senate and Council approval.