Frederick Douglas Brown Postgraduate Science Research Scholarship

**Description**

The Scholarship was established under the wills of Miss E W D Brown and Mrs G F Russell in honour of their father, Professor F D Brown, Foundation Professor of Chemistry and Experimental Physics at Auckland University College, 1883–1914.

**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 Frederick Douglas Brown Postgraduate Science Research Scholarship.
2. Two Scholarships will be awarded annually, for a period of up to one year, and will be of the value of up to $9,000 each. One Scholarship will be awarded to a postgraduate student enrolled in the School of Chemical Sciences, and one will be awarded to a postgraduate student enrolled in the Department of Physics. A previous recipient of the Scholarship may reapply in subsequent years.
3. To hold the Scholarship, the student must be enrolled in the thesis year of a Master of Science or any year of a PhD. The Scholarship may be held at any university or institution approved by the University of Auckland Council within New Zealand, Australia, Canada, the United Kingdom or the European continent, but not elsewhere.
4. The Scholarship is tenable by citizens of member countries of The Commonwealth, aged 26 years or under at the time of application.
5. The basis of selection will be academic merit as assessed by the grade point average (GPA) or grade point equivalent (GPE) over the most recent qualifying programme, the quality of the student's proposal outlining the work to be undertaken and the potential for advancing science or its application by original research. A GPA/GPE of at least 7.00 (6.50 for Māori and Pacific candidates) is required for Scholarship consideration (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 (Masters and Postgraduate Taught) or the Associate Dean (Doctoral) of the Faculty of Science (or nominee), the Head of the School of Chemical Sciences (or nominee) and the Head of the Department of Physics (or nominee).

7. The Scholarship will be paid in one instalment in the third week of Semester One.

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. 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 Head of the School of Chemical Sciences or the Head of the Department of Physics.

10. The University of Auckland Council is not obliged to make an award in any year if there are not candidates of sufficient merit.

11. The University of Auckland Council has the power to amend or vary these Regulations provided there is no departure from the main purpose of the Scholarship.

12. Applications close with the Scholarships Office on 11 April in the year of the award.

13. Notes [I]-[III] below are deemed to be Regulations.

**Notes**

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 in which they are applying or currently enrolled.** Where the most recently completed programme is a conjoint programme the GPA/GPE will be calculated over the entirety 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. **Payment 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 Frederick Douglas Brown Postgraduate Science Research 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 Frederick Douglas Brown Postgraduate Science Research Scholarship is not complying with these regulations, terminate the Scholarship and require repayment of the funds received from the date of the breach.