Frederick Douglas Brown Postgraduate Science Research Scholarship

Code: 224  
Faculty: Science  
Applicable study: Postgraduate research in Chemistry or Physics  
Closing date: 20 August  
Tenure: One year  
For: Assistance  
Number on offer: Two  
Offer rate: Annually  
Value: Up to $4,500

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, each for a period of one year, and each will be of the value of up to $4,500. 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.
4. The Scholarship will be awarded by the University of Auckland Council upon the recommendation of a Selection Committee comprising the Associate Dean (Postgraduate) (or nominee), the Head of the School of Chemical Sciences (or nominee) and the Head of the Department of Physics (or nominee).
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. Successful candidates will have a minimum GPA/GPE of 7.00 (6.50 for Māori and Pacific candidates) (see Note I).
6. The Scholarship will ordinarily be tenable for one year but may be extended for a second or subsequent years if it
appears to the University of Auckland Council that the renewal is likely to result in work of scientific importance.

7. The Scholar must be a citizen of a member country of the Commonwealth. The age of the Scholar must not exceed 26 years at the time of selection.

8. The Scholarship may be held at any University or Institution within New Zealand or at any Institution approved by the University of Auckland Council in Australia, Canada, the United Kingdom or the Continent of Europe but not elsewhere.

9. The Scholarship may be held concurrently with any other scholarship, award or grant as long as a) the terms of that scholarship, award or grant permit and b) the University of Auckland Council is informed and approves.

10. The Scholar will furnish to the University of Auckland Council a report of his or her work at the end of each year’s tenure of the Scholarship together with a certificate from the Head of Department, Professor or Director as the case may be of the University or Institution where he or she is studying as to whether that work is satisfactory. The Scholarship will not continue beyond the first year if the work as so certified is not satisfactory.

11. The University of Auckland Council may revoke and cancel the Scholarship at any time if it receives a report or advice or otherwise concludes that the Scholar’s work is unsatisfactory, and the recipient will not be entitled to question or challenge the University of Auckland Council over its decision.

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

13. 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.

14. Applications close with the Scholarships Office on 20 August in the year of the award.

15. Note [I] below is deemed to be a Regulation.

**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. 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.