

# HC Russell Memorial Postgraduate Scholarship

<b>Code:</b>	94
<b>Faculty:</b>	Medical and Health Sciences
<b>Applicable study:</b>	MSc or PhD in Optometry
<b>Closing date:</b>	1 November 2023
<b>Tenure:</b>	Up to three years
<b>For:</b>	Assistance
<b>Number on offer:</b>	One
<b>Offer rate:</b>	Annually
<b>Value:</b>	Up to \$4,500 in total (MSc) or up to \$10,000 in total (PhD)

## Description

The New Zealand Association of Optometrists (previously the New Zealand Optometrical Association) established this Scholarship in memory of Mr Harry C. Russell in recognition of his services to the advancement of optometric education in New Zealand.

## 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 HC Russell Memorial Postgraduate Scholarship.
2. One Scholarship will be awarded, for a period of up to three years, and will be of the value of up to \$4,500 in total for a candidate enrolled full-time for the degree of Master of Science in Optometry, or up to \$10,000 in total for a candidate enrolled full-time for the degree of Doctor of Philosophy in Optometry at the University of Auckland (see Note I).
3. The Scholarship will normally be paid in instalments dependent on receipt of progress reports satisfactory to the New Zealand Association of Optometrists (see Note II).
4. The Scholarship will be awarded by the University of Auckland Council on the recommendation of a Selection Committee comprising two representatives of the New Zealand Association of Optometrists (NZAO) and the Head of Department of Optometry (or nominee).
5. Selection criteria are: candidates' prior academic performance; scientific merit of the proposed research; and relevance of the research to the practice of optometry.
6. The Scholarship is tenable by a student who is a citizen or permanent resident of New Zealand.
7. The scholarship may be held concurrently with any other award or grant as long as a) the terms of that award or grant permit and b) the University of Auckland Council is informed and approves.
8. The selection committee may refrain from making a recommendation if there is no candidate of sufficient merit.

9. The holder of the Scholarship is required to submit brief reports to the NZAO at the end of each six-month period throughout the duration of funding (see Note ii).
10. The NZAO must be acknowledged in any publication of the research and copies of papers resulting from the research must be provided to the NZAO.
11. The University of Auckland Council may, with the consent of the New Zealand Association of Optometrists, vary these regulations from time to time provided that there is no departure from the main purpose of the Scholarship.
12. Applications close with the Scholarships Office on 1 November in the year preceding the award.
13. Notes [I]-[II] below are deemed to be regulations.

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- I. The maximum tenure for a MSc (Optometry) student will be up to 12 months for a 120 point MSc and up to 24 months for a 240 point MSc; and up to 36 months for a PhD (Optometry) student.*
- II. Reports should be submitted to the Scholarships Office on 5 November and 1 March each year during the tenure of this scholarship.*