Margaret Burland Doctoral Scholarships

Code: 712  
Faculty: Medical and Health Sciences  
Applicable study: Doctoral students in the Faculty of Medical and Health Sciences  
Closing date: 1 November 2019  
Tenure: Up to 3 years  
For: Financial Assistance  
Number on offer: 1  
Offer rate: Once every three years  
Value: Up to $27,000 pa

Description

The Scholarship was established in 2012 and is funded primarily by a bequest from Margaret Burland to the University of Auckland Foundation.

The purpose of the Scholarship is to support an academically meritorious doctoral student enrolled in the Faculty of Medical and Health Sciences who has demonstrated financial need.

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 Margaret Burland Doctoral Scholarship.  
2. One Scholarship will normally be awarded once every three years (or more or less often depending on funds available), and will provide a tax-free stipend of up to $27,000 per annum. Part-time scholars shall be paid pro-rata for up to 72 months.  
3. The Scholarship will be awarded to doctoral candidates who have paid the fees, or arranged to pay the fees, for full-time enrolment in the degree of Doctor of Philosophy, Doctor of Medicine or the research component of another approved doctorate in the Faculty of Medical and Health Sciences. The Scholarship may also be available to students for whom socially compelling reasons make part-time enrolment preferable (see Note II).  
4. The Scholarship is tenable by domestic or international students who are eligible to pay domestic fees and who will reside outside of New Zealand for no more than 12 months over the period in which they are enrolled in their doctoral degree.  
5. The basis of selection will be academic merit, the quality of the research proposal or project, the candidate’s financial situation and endorsement by the proposed supervisor and host academic unit.  
6. The Scholarship will be awarded by the University of Auckland Council on the recommendation of a Selection Committee.
Committee comprising the Associate Dean (Postgraduate) of the Faculty of Medical and Health Sciences (or nominee), and two members of the Faculty of Medical and Health Sciences’ Postgraduate Studies Committee.

7. Payments will commence from the doctoral registration date or the date nominated by the Scholarships Sub-Committee. A further six months of scholarship funding may be available, subject to Scholarships Sub-Committee approval.

8. 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.

9. To comply with the full-time study requirement in Regulation 3, 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.

10. A Scholarship may be terminated or suspended by the University of Auckland Council should it receive a report from the Dean of the Faculty of Medical and Health Sciences that a candidate’s academic progress is unsatisfactory.

11. The University of Auckland Council is not obliged to make an award if in any year there is no candidate of sufficient merit.

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

13. Applications close with the Scholarships Office on 1 November in the year preceding the award.

14. Notes [I]-[III] below are deemed to be regulations.

Notes

I. Any publications arising from work done by the recipient during the tenure of the scholarship shall acknowledge the assistance given by the Margaret Burland Doctoral Scholarship.

II. Recipients of Margaret Burland Doctoral Scholarships are normally required to be enrolled on a full-time basis. However, students for whom socially compelling reasons make part-time enrolment preferable may apply to hold the Scholarship on a part-time basis pro-rated. Socially compelling reasons could include a) carer responsibilities for: preschool and/or school-aged children; an invalid or disabled partner, child or parent; or b) medical condition(s), impairment(s) or disabilities. Applicants will not be granted permission to hold a Margaret Burland Doctoral Scholarship on a part-time basis if they wish to undertake full-time paid employment or substantial part-time employment. Students who hold the Scholarship on a part-time basis are subject to the same employment restrictions as full-time scholarship holders (Refer Regulation 9) 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.

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