

# Marie Clay Literacy Trust Literacy Learning Research Award

<b>Code:</b>	823
<b>Faculty:</b>	Education and Social Work
<b>Applicable study:</b>	PhD or EdD in the Faculty of Education and Social Work (see Note I)
<b>Closing date:</b>	11 July 2022
<b>Tenure:</b>	One year
<b>For:</b>	Assistance with study
<b>Number on offer:</b>	Two (see Reg. 2)
<b>Offer rate:</b>	Annually
<b>Value:</b>	Up to \$10,000 each

## Description

The Award was established in 2007 and is funded by the Marie Clay Literacy Trust.

The main purpose of the Award is to support an international or domestic doctoral student in the Faculty of Education and Social Work undertaking research which promotes literacy learning of the lowest achievers in primary schools in Aotearoa New Zealand.

## Selection process

- Application is made to the Scholarships Office
- A Selection Committee assesses the applications
- The Award is made by the University of Auckland Council on the recommendation of the Selection Committee

## Regulations

1. The Award shall be known as the Marie Clay Literacy Trust Literacy Learning Research Award.
2. Up to two Awards will be made annually, for a period of up to one year, and will be of the value of up to \$10,000 each. Current awardees may be recommended for the Award once in a subsequent year during their PhD or EdD programme, usually in the following year (see Note I). Payment and tenure will be pro-rated for part-time students.
3. To be eligible for Award consideration, applicants must be i) enrolled in the research component of a PhD or Doctor of Education (EdD) in the Faculty of Education and Social Work at the University of Auckland Waipapa Taumata Rau, and ii) undertaking research that promotes literacy learning of the lowest achievers in primary schools in Aotearoa New Zealand (see Note II).
4. The Award is tenable by domestic or international students.
5. The basis of selection will be academic achievement (see Note III), the quality, nature and relevance of the proposed research, endorsement by the main supervisor, and how the applicant intends to use the funding as assessed by a personal statement (see Note I).
6. The Award will be made by the University of Auckland Council on the recommendation of a Selection Committee comprising the Dean of the Faculty of Education and Social Work (or nominee), the Head of School of Curriculum

and Pedagogy (or nominee) and one representative of the Trust.

7. To be paid the Award, awardees must be i) enrolled in the research component of a PhD or EdD and ii) undertaking research that promotes literacy learning of the lowest achievers in primary schools in Aotearoa New Zealand
8. The Award will be paid in fortnightly instalments. Payment and tenure will be pro-rated for part-time students.
9. The Award 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 awardee 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 Award.
10. The University of Auckland Council, in consultation with the Donor, has the power to terminate or suspend an Award if it receives a report of unsatisfactory progress of a Scholar from the Head of School of Curriculum and Pedagogy.
11. The University of Auckland Council is not obliged to make an award if it is determined there is no candidate that meets the criteria and/or no candidate of sufficient merit.
12. The University of Auckland Waipapa Taumata Rau can amend or vary these Regulations, in consultation with the Donor, provided that there is no departure from the main purpose of the Award.
13. Applications close with the Scholarships Office on 11 July in the year of the award.
14. Notes [I]-[VII] below are deemed to be regulations.

## Notes

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- I. Continuation for a second year of funding will be subject to a recommendation from the awardee's supervisor on the basis of annual performance, and a satisfactory annual report.*
- II. The supervision for the research must include a member of the School of Curriculum and Pedagogy or Woolf Fisher Research Centre, Faculty of Education and Social Work.*
- III. Academic achievement is assessed by the grade point average (GPA) or grade point equivalent (GPE) obtained over the applicant's qualifying programme for entry to the PhD or EdD. Where a qualifying programme is entirely pass/fail, the University may generate a GPA only where the programme consists entirely of a thesis. Where the qualifying programme is an undergraduate honours degree (or equivalent undergraduate degree or integrated undergraduate and postgraduate degree), the GPA/GPE will be calculated over the final two-years of full-time study (or equivalent) in the programme. In all other cases, the GPA/GPE will be calculated over the entirety of the qualifying programme.*
- IV. In making a recommendation for this Award the Selection Committee shall take into account other scholarships, bursaries and awards held by the applicants, with a view to achieving a fair distribution of monies among qualifying applicants.*
- V. Awardees will be required to submit a report to the Trust at the end of their Award tenure, outlining their progress and how the Award benefited their research.*
- VI. Payments under the terms of this Award remain tax-free as long as they are used 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 Award.*
- VII. Awardees will be required to comply with the regulations for the Award and must notify the Scholarships Office of any change in their enrolment or funding status. The University of Auckland Waipapa Taumata Rau may, in the event that it can be established that an awardee is not complying with these regulations, terminate the Award and require repayment of the funds received from the date of the breach.*