Marie Clay Literacy Trust Research Award

**Description**

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

The main purpose of the Award is to fund a doctoral student to undertake research into literacy education in the New Zealand context that is consistent with the Marie Clay Literacy Trust’s objectives: the support of research into aspects of literacy development and learning; the development of effective instruction and early intervention in literacy; and, associated professional development.

**Selection process**

- Application is made to the Scholarships Office
- A Selection Committee assesses the applications
- Short-listed candidates may be required to attend an interview
- 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 Research Award.
2. One or more Awards may be made annually, for a period of one year, and will be of the value of up to $10,000. Previous recipients are eligible to apply for the Award once in a subsequent year during their PhD or EdD programme, usually in the following year. Payment and tenure will be pro-rated for part-time students (see Note I).
3. To take up and be paid the Award, candidates must be enrolled and have paid the fees, or arranged to pay the fees, for full or part-time enrolment in a PhD or Doctor of Education (EdD) in the Faculty of Education and Social Work at the University of Auckland (see Note I).
4. The Award is tenable by domestic or international students.
5. The basis of selection will be academic achievement (see Note II), the nature and quality of the proposed research topic and endorsement by the main supervisor. Applicants will be required to indicate how their research meets the aims of the Trust and how they intend to use the funding.
6. The Award will be made by the University of Auckland Council upon 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 Donor (appointed by sponsors or trustees).

7. The Award will be paid in fortnightly instalments.
8. The Award 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.
9. 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.
10. The University of Auckland Council is not obliged to make an award if in any year there is no candidate of sufficient merit.
11. The University of Auckland Council has the power to amend or vary these Regulations, in consultation with the Donor, provided that there is no departure from the main purpose of the Award.
12. Applications close with the Scholarships Office on 10 July in the year of the award.
13. Notes [I]-[IV] below are deemed to be regulations.

Notes

I. The doctoral student must be engaged in any stage of the research component of the doctoral degree after full registration. 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.

II. 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.

III. In making a recommendation for this scholarship the selection committee shall take into account other scholarships, bursaries and awards held by the candidates, with a view to achieving a fair distribution of monies among qualifying candidates.

IV. Recipients of a Marie Clay Literacy Trust Research Award will be required to give undertakings that they will comply with the regulations for the Award and will notify the Scholarships Office of any change in their enrolment, employment or funding status. The University of Auckland may, in the event that it can be established that a recipient of a Marie Clay Literacy Trust Research Award is not complying with these regulations, terminate the Award and require repayment of the funds received from the date of the breach.