Marie Clay Literacy Trust Research Scholarships

**Code:** 823  
**Faculty:** Education and Social Work  
**Applicable study:** PhD or EdD in the Faculty of Education and Social Work (see Note I)  
**Closing date:** 10 July  
**Tenure:** Up to 2 years  
**For:** Assistance  
**Number on offer:** Varies  
**Offer rate:** Annually  
**Value:** Up to $10,000pa

**Description**

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

The purpose of the Scholarship 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 Scholarships are awarded by the University of Auckland Council on the recommendation of the Selection Committee

**Regulations**

1. The Scholarships shall be known as the Marie Clay Literacy Trust Research Scholarships.  
2. One or more Scholarships may be awarded annually, initially for a period of one year, and will be of the value of up to $10,000.  
3. Current recipients may apply for a second year of funding by the closing date and will be required to submit a letter requesting continuation and produce a satisfactory annual report. To take up and be paid the Scholarships the candidate must be enrolled and have paid the fees, or arranged to pay the fees, for full or part-time enrolment in a PhD or EdD in the Faculty of Education and Social Work at the University of Auckland (see Note I). Payments and tenure will be pro-rated for part-time students.  
4. The Scholarships are tenable by domestic or international students.  
5. The basis of selection will be academic merit (see Note II), the nature and quality of the proposed research topic and endorsement by the main supervisor.
6. The Scholarships will be awarded 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 Scholarship will be paid in two instalments: one in the first, and one in the second semester of eligible enrolment.

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. The University of Auckland Council, in consultation with the Donor, has the power to terminate or suspend a Scholarship if it receives an unsatisfactory report on the 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 Scholarship.

12. Applications close with the Scholarships Office on 10 July in the year of the award. Applicants will be required to indicate how their research meets the aims of the Trust and how they would intend to use the funding.

13. Notes [I]-[III] 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 merit is assessed by the GPA or GPE obtained over the applicant’s most recent year of full-time study (or equivalent).

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.