Description

The Scholarship was first established in 2011 and is funded by Market Economics Ltd, an independent New Zealand-based consultancy that specialises in market and economic analysis and environmental and ecological research.

The main purpose of the Scholarship is to encourage postgraduate research into the field of human/economic geography, including GIS, by rewarding demonstrated ability and lowering financial barriers.

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 Market Economics Geography Masters Research Scholarship.
2. One Scholarship will be awarded annually, for a period of one year, and will be of the value of up to $5,000.
3. The Scholarship will be awarded to a Master of Arts or Masters of Science candidate who has paid the fees, or arranged to pay the fees, for full-time enrolment in Geography, with a preference to students focussing their thesis research on rigorous and applied quantitative analysis in human or economic geography or GIS.
4. The Scholarship is tenable by domestic or international students.
5. The basis of selection will be academic merit, the quality of the research proposal, and the appropriateness of the proposed research to the core interests of Market Economics.
6. The Scholarship will be awarded by the University of Auckland Council upon the recommendation of a Selection Committee comprising the Head of the School of Environment (or nominee), the Head of the Geography programme (or nominee) and one representative of the Donor (appointed by the sponsor or trustee).
7. The Scholarship will be paid in one instalment in the first semester.
8. The Scholarship may be held concurrently with any other award or grant as long as a) the terms of that grant or award 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 the School of Environment. The donor may choose to recover some or all of the money if the recipient fails to complete the programme of study.
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 18 March in the year of the award.
13. Notes [I]-[V] below are deemed to be regulations.

Notes

I. Depending on the nature of the proposed research, Market Economics Ltd may choose to make relevant datasets/resources available to the recipient.
II. The recipient's name and proposed topic may be included on Market Economics Ltd's website.
III. Market Economics Ltd may require the recipient to provide an information presentation of their completed research to Market Economics staff. Alternatively, or in addition, Market Economics may seek to attend any in-department research presentations by the recipient, if practicable.
IV. Market Economics Ltd may request a copy of the completed research.
V. Applicants for the scholarship are encouraged to discuss their proposed research topic with the lecturers and the Geography Programme Advisor. Market Economics Ltd may also make suggestions of relevant topics and areas of research via the Geography Programme Advisor.