Marsden Grant Masters Scholarship in Ageing and Society

**Code:** 898  
**Faculty:** Arts  
**Medical and Health Sciences**  
**Applicable study:** Masters thesis related to conceptualising health outcomes and socioeconomic position among the elderly  
**Closing date:** 10 March  
**Tenure:** One year  
**For:** Assistance  
**Number on offer:** 1  
**Offer rate:** One-off  
**Value:** Up to $17,500 plus compulsory fees

**Description**

The Scholarship was established in 2016 and is funded by a Marsden Grant awarded to an academic staff member from the School of Population Health in the Faculty of Medical and Health Sciences at the University of Auckland.

The main purpose of the Scholarship is to support a student enrolled in the thesis year of a masters degree at the University of Auckland who is undertaking research exploring the association between the health outcomes and socioeconomic position among the New Zealand population aged sixty-five and older. This Scholarship would suit a student who has quantitative skills and experience using Big Data who wants their work to inform policy.

**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 Marsden Grant Masters Scholarship in Ageing and Society.  
2. One scholarship may be awarded annually, for a period of one year, and will be of the value of up to $17,500 plus compulsory fees (see Note II).  
3. To take up and be paid the Scholarship, the recipient must have paid the fees, or arranged to pay the fees, for fulltime enrolment at the University of Auckland in the thesis year of a masters degree undertaking quantitative research on the social, economic, and cultural dimensions of population ageing.  
4. The Scholarship is tenable by students who are citizens or permanent residents of New Zealand.  
5. The basis of selection will be academic merit as assessed by the grade point average (GPA) or grade point equivalent (GPE) calculated over the most recent qualifying programme, the quality and nature of the applicant’s research proposal and the applicant’s ability to complete their thesis successfully. The successful candidate will have
a minimum GPA/GPE of 7.00 (6.50 for Māori and Pacific candidates (see Note III).

6. The Scholarship will be awarded by the University of Auckland Council upon the recommendation of a Selection Committee comprising the Dean of the Faculty of Medical and Health Sciences (or nominee), the Head of the School of Population Health (or nominee) and the lead researcher for the study as identified by the Head of the School of Population Health.

7. The Scholarship will be paid as a fortnightly stipend and a compulsory fees credit.

8. The Scholarship may not be held concurrently with a University of Auckland Research Masters Scholarship, a University of Auckland Māori Postgraduate Scholarship or a University of Auckland Pacific Postgraduate Scholarship. However, it may be held 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 amount of additional and paid work a Scholar may undertake either inside or outside the University shall not exceed 500 hours per year during the tenure of this Scholarship.

10. The University of Auckland Council has the power to terminate or suspend a Scholarship if it receives a report of unsatisfactory progress of a Scholar from the Head of Department or Disciplinary Area.

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, in consultation with the Principal Investigator, provided that there is no departure from the main purpose of the Scholarship.

13. Applications close with the Scholarships Office on 10 March in the year of the award.

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

**Notes**

I. Further information about the project and possible topics can be obtained from the Principal Investigator – Associate Professor Daniel Exeter (d.exeter@auckland.ac.nz).

II. Compulsory fees are only those related to the relevant programme of study, plus Student Services Fee.

III. The most recent qualifying programme is defined as the most recently completed programme of study that qualifies the applicant for entry to the research programme for which they are applying. Where the qualifying programme is a conjoint programme the GPA/GPE will be calculated over the entirety of the conjoint programme. The maximum approved exchange or transfer credit that can be excluded from the GPA/GPE calculation for the qualifying programme is 60 points. Where the most recently completed programme is a Transitional Certificate, the qualifying programme is the Transitional Certificate and the most recently completed prior degree.

IV. Recipients of a Marsden Grant Masters Scholarship in Ageing and Society will be required to give undertakings that they will comply with the regulations for the Scholarship 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 Marsden Grant Masters Scholarship in Ageing and Society is not complying with these regulations, terminate the Scholarship and require repayment of the funds received from the date of the breach.