Maurice and Phyllis Paykel Trust PhD Research Travel Award

Description

The Maurice and Phyllis Paykel Trust PhD Research Travel Award was established in 2018. They aim to support final year PhD students studying at the University of Auckland with costs of travel for research in a medical related field. This is primarily for travel to scientific meetings, but could also include a visit to a research collaborator or research centre.

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 Maurice and Phyllis Paykel Trust PhD Research Travel Award.
2. To be eligible for consideration for this Award, a student must be a citizen or permanent resident of New Zealand enrolled full-time in the final year of a degree of Doctor of Philosophy at the University of Auckland, must be between 24 to 42 months full-time equivalent from their doctoral registration start date at the time of application and have had their registration confirmed, and must meet all the requirements of these regulations (see Note I).
3. Up to 7 Awards will be offered annually and will be of the value of up to $2,000 each.
4. Proposed research travel must be in a medical-related field.
5. Proposed travel must include an oral or poster presentation of PhD research at a national or international meeting. Inclusion of more than one conference/research visit during the proposed trip will be viewed favourably (see Note III).
6. The basis of selection will be academic merit (measured by the grade point average (GPA) or grade point equivalent (GPE) obtained in the applicant's most recent qualifying programme for doctoral study), the quality of the submitted abstract and previous opportunities to present quality work at national or international conferences. Preference may be given to students who have not had previous opportunities to present. Applicants must have a GPA/GPE of at least 6.00 in their qualifying programme to be eligible for award consideration (see Note II).
The Award will be made by the University of Auckland Council on the recommendation of a Selection Committee comprising the Associate Dean (Research) of the Faculty of Medical and Health Sciences (or nominee) and two other Academic Staff members nominated by the Dean of the Faculty of Medical and Health Sciences.

The Maurice and Phyllis Paykel Trust PhD Research Travel 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.

Within three months of the completion of their travel, recipients must submit a report to the Faculty of Medical and Health Sciences and to the Trustees.

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.

Applications close with the Scholarships Office on 31 July in the year of the award.

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

**Notes**

I. **Students will be required to provide a copy of the letter they have received from the Board of Graduate Studies confirming that they have completed their provisional period of registration.**

II. **Where the qualifying programme is an undergraduate honours degree (or equivalent undergraduate degree or integrated undergraduate and postgraduate degree), the grade point average or equivalent will be calculated over the final two years of full-time study (or equivalent) in the programme. In all other cases, the grade point average or equivalent will be calculated over the entirety of the programme.**

III. **The recipient must notify the Scholarships Office if they are unable to undertake the original requested travel. Award funding may not be transferred to any other travel.**

IV. **Payments under the terms of this Award remain tax-free as long as they are used directly for the payment of costs associated with an awardee’s programme of study. Failure to comply with this regulation will result in the termination of the Award.**

V. **Recipients of a Maurice and Phyllis Paykel Trust PhD Research Travel Award will be required to give undertakings that they will comply with the regulations for this Award and will notify the Scholarships Office of any change in their enrolment or funding status. The University of Auckland may, in the event that it can be established that a recipient of a Maurice and Phyllis Paykel Trust PhD Research Travel Award is not complying with these Regulations, terminate the Award and require repayment of the funds received.**