Murray Wren Doctoral Scholarship in Architecture

The Scholarship was established in 2015 and is funded by a bequest from Murray Wren, who was a lifelong professional architect and who qualified in Architecture at the University of Auckland.

The purpose of this Scholarship is to encourage and support students undertaking study in Architecture, especially where this funding would make a significant contribution to their financial needs.

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 shall be known as the Murray Wren Doctoral Scholarship in Architecture.
2. One Scholarship will be awarded for a period of up to three years, and will comprise a stipend of up to $27,000 pa plus compulsory domestic PhD fees and compulsory international student health insurance, where applicable.
3. The Scholarship will be awarded to a PhD candidate who has paid the fees, or arranged to pay the fees, for full-time enrolment in a PhD in Architecture, in the Faculty of Creative Arts and Industries at the University of Auckland.
4. The Scholarship is tenable by domestic and international students who are eligible to pay domestic fees.
5. The basis of selection will be academic merit, the quality and nature of the proposed research topic and endorsement by the host academic unit (see Note II).
6. The Scholarship will provide support for up to 36 months and payments will commence from the doctoral registration date or the date nominated by the Faculty of Creative Arts and Industries (whichever is the later date). A further six months scholarship funding, subject to Scholarship Sub-Committee approval, may be available for applicants who hold a first-class academic record (see Note II).
7. Subject to Regulation 6, the Scholarship will be tenable until the date of submission or 48 months of active enrolment from the registration date, whichever is the earlier.
8. The Scholarship will be paid as a domestic PhD fees credit and as a fortnightly stipend. Payments will commence from the doctoral registration date or the date nominated by the Faculty of Creative Arts and Industries (whichever is the later date).

9. 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 Architecture and Planning (or nominee), the Faculty Graduate Adviser and one other member of academic staff, appointed by the Head of the School of Architecture and Planning.

10. The Scholarship may not be held concurrently with a University of Auckland Doctoral Scholarship but may be held 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.

11. 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 Architecture and Planning.

12. The University of Auckland Council is not obliged to make an award if in any year there is no candidate of sufficient merit.

13. 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.

14. Applications close with the Scholarships office on 20 November in the year preceding the award.

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

**Notes**

I. For the purpose of this Scholarship, academic merit is assessed as a Scholarships GPA or GPE obtained over the applicant’s most recent two years of full-time graded study (or equivalent).

II. To hold a first-class academic record the recipient must have achieved a Scholarships GPA or GPE of 7.00 or above over their most recent two years of full-time graded study (or equivalent).