Myra and Eric McCormick Scholarship in History

Description

Funds for this Scholarship derive from the estate of the late Dr E H McCormick who established a close and mutually valued connection with the Department of History.

The main purpose of the Scholarship is to encourage and support a PhD student enrolled in the Faculty of Arts at the University of Auckland Waipapa Taumata Rau who is undertaking research in the History of Aotearoa New Zealand.

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 Myra and Eric McCormick Scholarship in History.
2. At least one Scholarship will be awarded annually, for a period of up to one year, and will be of the value of up to $20,000 in total. Awardees may reapply for the Scholarship in subsequent years.
3. To be eligible for Scholarship consideration, an applicant must be i) a citizen or permanent resident of New Zealand, ii) enrolled full-time in a Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) in the Faculty of Arts at the University of Auckland Waipapa Taumata Rau, and iii) undertaking research related to the History of Aotearoa New Zealand. Where a qualifying programme with a grade point average (GPA) or grade point equivalent (GPE) is the basis for entry to the PhD, a GPA/GPE of at least 7.00 (6.50 for Māori and Pacific candidates) in that programme is required for Scholarship consideration (see Note I).
4. The basis of selection will be academic merit and the quality, nature and relevance of the research. Matters that may be considered in relation to academic merit include, but are not limited to, academic record, standing of awarding institution, academic references, CV and research and publication record (see Note I).
5. The Scholarship will be awarded by the University of Auckland Council on the recommendation of a Selection Committee comprising the Associate Dean (Postgraduate) of the Faculty of Arts (or nominee), the
Major/Specialisation Leader of History (or nominee) and another academic staff member from History. At least one member of the Committee will be expected have expertise in the history of Aotearoa New Zealand.

6. To be paid the Scholarship, the awardee must be i) enrolled full-time in a PhD in the Faculty of Arts, and ii) undertaking research related to the history of Aotearoa New Zealand.

7. The Scholarship will be paid as a fortnightly stipend.

8. The Scholarship may be held concurrently with any other scholarship, award or grant as long as the regulations for that scholarship, award or grant permit and the University of Auckland Council is informed and approves. It is the responsibility of the awardee to declare to the Scholarships Office all other scholarships, awards or grant funding received and for which the awardee receives payment while also in payment for this Scholarship.

9. The University of Auckland Council is not obliged to make an award if it is determined there is no candidate that meets the criteria and/or no candidate of sufficient merit.

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 Associate Dean (Postgraduate) of the Faculty of Arts.

11. The University of Auckland Waipapa Taumata Rau can amend or vary these Regulations, in consultation with the Faculty of Arts, provided that there is no departure from the main purpose of the Scholarship.

12. Applications close with the Scholarships Office on 18 April in the year of the award.

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

Notes

I. Where a qualifying programme is entirely pass/fail, the University may generate a GPA only where the programme consists entirely of a thesis. Where the qualifying programme is an undergraduate honours degree (or equivalent undergraduate degree or integrated undergraduate and postgraduate degree), the GPA/GPE will be calculated over the final two years of full-time study (or equivalent) in the programme. In all other cases, the GPA/GPE will be calculated over the entirety of the qualifying programme.

II. Payments under the terms of this Scholarship remain tax-free as long as they are used directly for the payment of costs associated with an awardee’s programme of study and/or to assist the awardee with living costs while studying. Failure to comply with this regulation will result in the termination of the Scholarship.

III. Awardees will be required to comply with the regulations for the Scholarship and must notify the Scholarships Office of any change in their enrolment or funding status. The University of Auckland Waipapa Taumata Rau may, in the event that it can be established that an awardee is not complying with these regulations, terminate the Scholarship and required repayment of the funds received from the date of the breach.