Nicholas Tarling Southeast Asian Studies Masters Award

**Description**

The Award was established in 2020 and is funded by the Nicholas Tarling Charitable Trust, in memory of Emeritus Professor Nicholas Tarling.

The intention of the Award is to encourage and support students to undertake masters study at the University of Auckland in areas relating to the goals of the Nicholas Tarling Charitable Trust to advance research, knowledge and understanding of the Southeast Asian region.

**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 Award will be known as the Nicholas Tarling Southeast Asian Studies Masters Award.
2. Up to two Awards will be made annually, for a period of up to one year up to a total value of $5,000. Recipients of the Award may reapply in a subsequent year. Payments and tenure will be pro-rated for part-time students (see Note I).
3. To be eligible for consideration for the Award, applicants must be enrolled, or enrolling, full-time or part-time at the University of Auckland in a Master of Arts, Master of Conflict and Terrorism Studies, Master of Public Policy, Master of Commerce or Master of Science that includes a dissertation, thesis or research portfolio of at least 45 points where the research will advance knowledge of the Southeast Asian region.
4. 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 financial circumstances and potential for future growth in the field of Southeast Asian Studies as evidenced by a personal statement (see Note II).
5. The Award will be made by the University of Auckland Council upon the recommendation of a Selection Committee comprising the Director of the New Zealand Asia Institute (or nominee), the Director of the Southeast Asia Studies Centre (or nominee), and the Chair of the Nicholas Tarling Trust (or nominee).

6. The Award will be paid in two equal instalments in Semester One and Two, as soon as is practical after confirmation of enrolment after the final date on which a student may add or delete courses without incurring a late enrolment fee. Payments and tenure will be pro-rated for part-time students (see Note I).

7. To be paid the Award, awardees must be enrolled full-time or part-time in a Master of Arts, Master of Conflict and Terrorism Studies, Master of Public Policy, Master of Commerce or Masters of Science that includes a dissertation, thesis or research portfolio of at least 45 points where the research will advance knowledge of the Southeast Asian region.

8. The Nicholas Tarling Southeast Asian Studies Masters Award may be held with any other scholarship, award or grant where the Regulations for that award or grant permit and where 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 Award.

9. The University of Auckland Council, in consultation with the donor, has the power to terminate or suspend an Award if it receives a report of unsatisfactory progress of a Scholar from the Associate Dean (Postgraduate Research) of the Faculty in which the student is enrolled.

10. 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.

11. Applications close with the Scholarships Office on 15 November in the year preceding the award.


**Notes**

I. **Students enrolling in the final semester of a masters degree may be considered for an Award with a maximum value of $2,500, which will be paid in one instalment.**

II. **The most recent qualifying programme is defined as the most recently completed programme of study that qualifies the applicant for entry to the masters programme for which they are applying. Where the qualifying programme is a conjoint programme the GPA/GPE will be calculated over the relevant component 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 programme.**

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

IV. **Awardees will be required to give undertakings that they will comply with the regulations for the 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 an awardee is not complying with these regulations, terminate the Award and require repayment of the funds received from the date of the breach.**