

# Norman Thom Award

<b>Code:</b>	246
<b>Faculty:</b>	Science
<b>Applicable study:</b>	Thesis year of MSc in Environmental Science or MEnvSci
<b>Closing date:</b>	10 August 2023
<b>Tenure:</b>	One year
<b>For:</b>	Assistance to pursue research in Environmental Science
<b>Number on offer:</b>	One
<b>Offer rate:</b>	Annually
<b>Value:</b>	\$2,000

## Description

The Award was established in 1995 and is financed from the investment of funds which were made available by Mr Norm Thom, one of the foundation staff members of Environmental Science at the University of Auckland, for this purpose.

The purpose of the Award is to provide assistance to a suitable postgraduate student to pursue research in Environmental Science as part of a Master of Science or Master of Environmental Science thesis.

## 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 Norman Thom Award.
2. One Award will be made annually, for a period of up to one year and will be of the value of \$2,000 (see Note I).
3. The Award may be made to a full-time student enrolled in the thesis year of a Master of Science (MSc) in Environmental Science or a Master of Environmental Science (MEnvSci) in the School of Environment whose research activities in a topic in environmental science would receive the most benefit from such an Award. Students enrolled in a 240 point research masters MSc or MEnvSci must be enrolled in the thesis component at the time of take-up of the Award to be eligible for consideration.
4. The award is tenable by domestic and international students.
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, and the quality and nature of the applicant's research proposal (see Note II).
6. The Award will be made by the University of Auckland Council upon the recommendation of a Selection Committee consisting of the Head of the School of Environment (or nominee) and two members of academic staff from the School of Environment.

7. Payment will be made in one instalment upon award.
8. The Award 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 recipient 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 is not obliged to make an award if in any year there are no candidates of sufficient merit.
10. The University of Auckland Council has the power to amend or vary these Regulations provided that there is no departure from the main purpose of the Award.
11. A recipient of the Norman Thom Award may receive this award only once.
12. Applications close with the Scholarships Office on 10 August in the year of the award.
13. Notes [I]-[IV] below are deemed to be regulations.

## Notes

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- I. If the Award is made for the purpose of obtaining reference material and/or equipment, such material or equipment will become the property of the School of Environment.*
- II. The most recent qualifying programme is defined as the most recently completed programme of study that qualifies the applicant for entry to the research 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 degree.*
- 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. Recipients of a Norman Thom Award 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 or funding status. The University of Auckland may, in the event that it can be established that a recipient of a Norman Thom Award is not complying with these regulations, terminate the Scholarship and require repayment of the funds received from the date of the breach.*