Philip Deibert PhD Scholarship in Planning

Description

The Scholarship was established in 2018 and is funded by a bequest from Philip Robert Deibert, who began his career as an architectural draughting cadet at the Ministry of Works and Development (MWD) in 1960. He graduated from the University of Auckland with a Diploma in Architecture in 1966, registered as an architect in 1969, and continued to work as an MWD project architect. Like many architects of his generation, Deibert’s interests and work extended to the realm of town planning, and included Wellington’s Government Precinct.

The intention of the Scholarship is to encourage and support an academically excellent domestic, or international student who is paying domestic fees, to undertake doctoral study in Planning at the University of Auckland.

Selection process

- Nomination is made to the Scholarships Office
- 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 Philip Deibert PhD Scholarship in Planning.
2. One Scholarship will be awarded every three years, for a period of up three years and will include a stipend of up to $27,600 per annum plus a contribution towards compulsory fees for domestic and international students who are eligible to study under the domestic fees policy and compulsory international student health insurance, where applicable, of up to $7,250. Part-time students will be paid pro-rata for up to 72 months (see Notes I to II and IV).
3. The Scholarship may be awarded only to new students applying for admission to a PhD in Planning in the Faculty of Creative Arts and Industries at the University of Auckland who meet all the requirements of these regulations.
4. The Scholarship is tenable by full-time domestic and international students who are eligible to pay domestic fees. The scholarship may also be available to domestic students for whom socially compelling reasons make part-time enrolment preferable (see Notes III and V).
5. The basis of selection will be academic merit and the quality and nature of the research proposal. 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, research and publication record. Where a qualifying programme with a grade point average (GPA) or grade point equivalent (GPE) is the basis for entry to the PhD, a candidate must have a GPA/GPE of 7.00 (6.50 for Māori or Pacific candidates) or above in that programme to be eligible for scholarship consideration (see Note III). Preference may be given to research proposals that include at least some New Zealand subject matter.

6. The Scholarship will be awarded by the University of Auckland Council upon the recommendation of a Selection Committee comprising the Associate Dean (Postgraduate) for the Faculty of Creative Arts and Industries (or nominee), the Head of the School of Architecture and Planning (or nominee) and the School Director for the Urban Programme in the School of Architecture and Planning.

7. Domestic and international students will be required to enrol within 3 and within 6 months respectively of the date of their unconditional programme offer, otherwise the scholarship offer will lapse. Awardees must also meet all requirements of their admission and scholarship offer before any payments will be made.

8. The Scholarship will provide support for up to 36 months of study and payments will commence from the doctoral enrolment date. A further six months of scholarship funding, subject to Scholarship Committee approval, may be available. These durations shall be pro-rated for part-time scholarship awardees (see Notes IV and VII).

9. The amount of additional and paid work a Scholar may undertake either inside or outside the University shall not exceed a total of 500 hours per scholarship year (see Note VII).

10. The Philip Deibert PhD Scholarship in Planning may not be held concurrently with a University of Auckland Doctoral Scholarship or with any other New Zealand government or foreign government-funded scholarships or grants. However, it may be held with any other study award or grant where the regulations for that award or grant permit, and where the University of Auckland Council so approves, up to an additional maximum of 75% of the stipend value of the Philip Deibert PhD Scholarship in Planning. If the value of the co-tenured scholarship exceeds 75% of the Philip Deibert PhD Scholarship in Planning stipend value, the emolument for the Philip Deibert PhD Scholarship in Planning will be reduced to limit the additional co-tenured stipend value to 75% of the Philip Deibert PhD Scholarship in Planning stipend value.

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 Associate Dean (Postgraduate) of the Faculty of Creative Arts and Industries.

12. 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.


Notes

I. Compulsory fees are those only related to the relevant Doctoral study, plus Student Services Fee. In addition, for international students, the single student Health Insurance compulsory charge (as detailed on the tuition fees invoice) may also be covered by the Scholarship. The Scholarship will contribute $7,250 in total per annum towards fees and insurance.

II. To be eligible to pay domestic PhD fees, recipients who are permanent residents of New Zealand or Australia, Australian citizens or international students may only be resident outside of New Zealand for a maximum total of twelve months over the period of their enrolment in their doctoral degree and only for the purposes of conducting research.

III. 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 qualifying programme.

IV. Recipients of the Philip Deibert PhD Scholarship in Planning are normally required to be enrolled on a full-time basis. However, domestic students for whom socially compelling reasons make part-time enrolment preferable may apply to hold a scholarship on a part-time basis pro-rated. Socially compelling reasons include a) carer
responsibilities for: pre-school and/or school-aged children; an invalid or disabled family / whanau member; or b) medical condition(s), impairment(s) or disabilities. Applicants will not be granted permission to hold a Philip Deibert PhD Scholarship in Planning on a part-time basis if they wish to undertake full-time paid employment or substantial part-time employment. Students who hold a scholarship on a part-time basis are subject to the same employment restrictions as full-time scholarship holders (i.e. 500 hours per scholarship year; refer Regulation 9 and Note viii) and are required to change to full-time enrolment if a change in their circumstances means they no longer qualify to hold the scholarship on a part-time basis.

V. A further six months of scholarship funding, subject to Scholarship Committee approval, may be available to those PhD students who have held a Philip Deibert PhD Scholarship in Planning.

VI. Recipients of a Philip Deibert PhD Scholarship in Planning 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, employment or funding status. The University of Auckland may, in the event it can be established that a recipient of a Philip Deibert PhD Scholarship in Planning is not complying with these regulations, terminate the Scholarship and require repayment of the funds received from the date of the breach.

VII. Paid work that is required as part of an approved doctoral programme (such as an internship for some named doctorates) or that is undertaken as part of an approved University of Auckland Internship, is not counted towards the 500 hours of additional and paid work that a Scholar may undertake while in receipt of a scholarship.

VIII. At the end of 6 months of registration the recipient of the scholarship will be required to submit a report to the donor outlining their process to date.

IX. These regulations are subject to Senate and Council approval.