

PMA Knowledge Hub Doctoral Scholarship

Code:	1154
Faculty:	All
Applicable study:	PhD
Closing date:	1 February 2023
Tenure:	Up to 48 months FTE
For:	Assistance with study
Number on offer:	Varies
Offer rate:	Annually
Value:	Up to \$35,000 pa, plus compulsory tuition fees

Description

The Scholarship was established in 2022 and is funded by (PMA) Pasifika Medical Association and supported by Office of the Associate Dean – Pacific, the Faculty of Medical and Health Sciences, to support Pacific students and research that seeks to improve Pacific peoples' health and social wellbeing outcomes.

The intention of the Scholarship is to encourage and support Pacific students to undertake a PhD at Waipapa Taumata Rau | University of Auckland.

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 PMA Knowledge Hub Doctoral Scholarship.
2. Scholarships will be awarded annually for up to 48 months FTE and will comprise a fortnightly stipend of up to \$35,000 per annum, plus compulsory tuition fees (see Note II). Payment will be pro-rated for part-time students (see Note III).
3. To be eligible for Scholarship consideration, an applicant must be i) a Pacific student (see Note IV), ii) a New Zealand Citizen or Permanent Resident, and iii) enrolled, or enrolling, full-time or part-time (see Note III) in a PhD at Waipapa Taumata Rau | University of Auckland.
4. The basis of selection will be academic merit as assessed by the GPA/GPE calculated over the qualifying programme (see Note V), the relevance of the proposed research project to the key objectives of the Knowledge Hub, demonstrated leadership and service, in particular to Pacific communities as assessed by a personal statement.
5. The Scholarship will be awarded by the University of Auckland Council on the recommendation of a Selection Committee comprising the Associate Dean (Pacific) of the Faculty of Medical and Health Sciences (or nominee), one member of Academic Staff from the Faculty of Medical and Health Sciences nominated by the Associate Dean

(Pacific) and one representative of the PMA.

6. To be paid the Scholarship, awardees must be enrolled in the PhD programme at Waipapa Taumata Rau | University of Auckland.
7. The Scholarship must be taken up by one of the dates prescribed in the letter of award, otherwise the Scholarship offer will be forfeited (see Notes VI and VII).
8. The Scholarship will provide support for up to 48 months of study (or equivalent if part-time) and payments will commence from the doctoral enrolment date in the case of new students (see Note VII), and from the date recommended by the Selection Committee and approved by Scholarships Committee in the case of students who have already commenced their programme.
9. Subject to Regulation 8, the Scholarship shall be tenable until the date of either submission or 48 months of active enrolment (or equivalent if part-time) from the doctoral enrolment date, whichever is the earlier.
10. Awardees may apply to suspend their Scholarship for up to 12 months in total during the tenure of their award (see Notes VIII and IX).
11. The amount of additional and paid work a Scholar may undertake either inside or outside the University shall not exceed a total of 750 hours per year during the tenure of this Scholarship (see Note X)
12. The Scholarship may not be held with a University of Auckland Doctoral Scholarship, or any other doctoral scholarship, bursary or equivalent funded by the PMA or Waipapa Taumata Rau | University of Auckland (including those funded by faculties, LSRIs or URCs). However, it 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 Scholarship.
13. 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.
14. The University of Auckland Council, in consultation with the PMA, has the power to terminate or suspend a Scholarship if it receives a report of unsatisfactory progress by a Scholar from the Associate Dean (Postgraduate Research) of the relevant faculty or Large Scale Research Institute.
15. The University of Auckland Council can amend or vary these Regulations, in consultation with the donors, provided that there is no departure from the main purpose of the Scholarship.
16. Applications close with the Scholarships Office on 1 February in the year of the award.
17. Notes [I] – [XIII] below are deemed to be Regulations.

Notes

- I. *As the tax-free status of this Scholarship is under current legislation, the University of Auckland cannot guarantee this tax-free outcome.*
- II. *Compulsory fees are only the tuition fees for the relevant programme of study, plus Student Services Fee.*
- III. *Awardees are normally required to be enrolled on a full-time basis. Full-time is defined as 40 hours of doctoral work per week for 47 weeks a year. However, domestic candidates for whom compassionate and compelling circumstances make part-time enrolment preferable may apply to hold a scholarship on a part-time basis, pro-rated. Compassionate and compelling circumstances mean circumstances that are generally beyond the candidate's control and have an impact on their ability to study full-time. For example: serious illness or injury, pregnancy or childbirth, care responsibilities for whānau, and traumatic experiences. Part-time is defined as 20 hours per week of doctoral work. Candidates will not be granted permission to hold the Scholarship on a part-time basis if they are undertaking full-time paid employment or substantial part-time employment. Candidates who hold a scholarship on a part-time basis are subject to the same employment restrictions as full-time scholarship holders (i.e. 750 hours per 12 month period) and are required to change to full-time enrolment if their circumstances mean they no longer qualify to hold the scholarship on a part-time basis.*
- IV. *Pacific applicants are defined as citizens or permanent residents of New Zealand who are of indigenous Pacific descent from any of the following islands: Samoa, American Samoa, Tonga, Cook Islands, Niue, Tokelau, Fiji*

(iTaukei), Rotuma, Solomon Islands, Vanuatu, New Caledonia, Papua New Guinea, Kiribati, Tuvalu, Palau, Marshall Islands, Federated States of Micronesia, Wallis and Futuna, Hawaii, French Polynesia, Rapanui (Easter Island), Pitcairn Islands, Nauru, Guam, Northern Mariana Islands.

- V. To be deemed a qualifying programme for the purposes of Scholarship consideration, an individual programme must satisfy Regulation 13a and b of the PhD statute. Where a qualifying programme is entirely pass/fail, the University may generate a grade point average (GPA) or grade point equivalent (GPE) 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/E will be calculated over the final two years of full-time study (or equivalent) in the programme. In all other cases, the GPA/E will be calculated over the entirety of the qualifying programme.*
- VI. To take up the Scholarship means to commence doctoral enrolment and the tenure of the scholarship.*
- VII. Enrolment must commence on either 1 March or 1 June.*
- VIII. An additional 12-month parental leave suspension may be considered where the awardee becomes a parent during their tenure of the Scholarship.*
- IX. In exceptional circumstances Scholarships Committee, in consultation with the donors, may approve a suspension of this Scholarship beyond the suspension periods stated in Regulation 10 and Note VIII. Applications must be made in writing to the Scholarships Office.*
- X. Paid work that is required as part of an approved doctoral programme or that is undertaken as part of an approved University of Auckland Internship, is not counted towards the 750 hours of additional and paid work that a Scholar may undertake while in receipt of a scholarship.*
- XI. Awardees are required to submit annual progress reports to PMA, via the Scholarships Office.*
- XII. Payments under the terms of this Scholarship remain tax-free as long as they are used 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.*
- XIII. Awardees will be required to comply with the regulations for the Scholarship and must notify the Scholarships Office of any change in their enrolment, employment or funding status. Waipapa Taumata Rau | University of Auckland may, in the event that it can be established that an awardee is not complying with these regulations, terminate the Scholarship and require repayment of the funds received from the date of the breach.*
- XIV. These regulations are subject to Senate and Council approval.*