

Professor Brian Coote Memorial Scholarship

Code:	1110
Faculty:	Law
Applicable study:	PhD in Philosophy of Law
Closing date:	By nomination
Tenure:	Up to 36 months
For:	Assistance with study
Number on offer:	Two
Offer rate:	Annually
Value:	Up to \$28,500 pa in 2021 plus compulsory fees and international health insurance (if required)

Description

The Scholarship was established in 2021 and is funded by a significant bequest left to the Auckland Law School by the late Professor Coote.

The main purpose of the Scholarship is to enable postgraduate study in the philosophy of law for exceptional students who, like Professor Coote, can demonstrate a passion and commitment to the study and practice of the rule of law.

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 Professor Brian Coote Memorial Scholarship.
2. Up to two Scholarships will be awarded annually, for a period of up to 36 months and will include a stipend of up to \$28,500 per annum in 2021 plus compulsory fees for all domestic and international students who are eligible to study under the domestic fees policy, and compulsory international student health insurance, where applicable (see Notes I and II). Part-time students will be paid pro-rata for up to 72 months (see Note IV).
3. To be eligible for scholarship consideration, candidates must be applying for admission to undertake their first doctorate, a PhD in the Faculty of Law at the University of Auckland, and must meet all the requirements of Regulation 4. Where a completed programme with a grade point average (GPA) or grade point equivalent (GPE) is the basis for entry to the PhD, a candidate must normally have a GPA/GPE of 7.00 or above (6.50 for Māori or Pacific candidates) in that programme to be eligible for scholarship consideration (see Note III).
4. The Scholarship is tenable by full-time domestic and international students who are eligible to pay domestic fees (see Note III). The Scholarship may also be available to domestic students for whom socially compelling reasons make part-time enrolment preferable (see Note IV).
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.

6. The Scholarship will be awarded by the University of Auckland Council upon the recommendation of a Selection Committee comprising the Dean of Graduate Studies (or nominee), the Dean of the Faculty of Law (or nominee), the Associate Dean (Postgraduate Research) of the Faculty of Law (or nominee), and the Doctoral Admissions Director of the Faculty of Law (or nominee), with the endorsement the Coote bequest committee.
7. Domestic students and international students with a New Zealand qualifying programme will be required to enrol within three months of the date of their unconditional programme offer, and international students with an overseas qualifying programme will be required to enrol within six months 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, only where the candidate's qualifying programme GPA/GPE is 7.00 or above (6.50 for Māori or Pacific candidates). These durations shall be pro-rated for part-time scholarship awardees (see Notes III to IV).
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 V).
10. The Professor Brian Coote Memorial Scholarship 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 is informed and approves, up to an additional maximum of 75% of the stipend value of the Professor Brian Coote Memorial Scholarship. If the value of the co-tenured scholarship exceeds 75% of the Professor Brian Coote Memorial Scholarship stipend value, the emolument for the Professor Brian Coote Memorial Scholarship will be reduced to limit the additional co-tenured stipend value to 75% of the Professor Brian Coote Memorial Scholarship stipend value. It is the responsibility of the awardee to declare to the Scholarships Office all other scholarships, awards and grant funding received and for which the awardee receives payment while also in payment for this Scholarship.
11. The University of Auckland Council, in consultation with the donor, 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 Research) of the Faculty of Law.
12. The University of Auckland Council is not obliged to make an award if it is determined there are no candidates that meet the criteria and/or no candidates of sufficient merit.
13. The University of Auckland can amend or vary these Regulations, provided that there is no departure from the main purpose of the Scholarship.
14. Notes [I] – [VII] below are deemed to be Regulations.

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) is covered by the Scholarship for the duration of the scholarship.*
- 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. Awardees 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; family / whanau member(s) with a disability; or b) medical condition(s), impairment(s) or disabilities. Awardees will not be granted permission to hold a Professor Brian Coote Memorial Scholarship 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 V) 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. Paid work 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.
- VI. 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 to assist the awardee with living costs while studying. Failure to comply with this regulation will result in the termination of the Scholarship.
- VII. Awardees 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 an awardee is not complying with these regulations, terminate the Scholarship and require repayment of the funds received from the date of the breach.
- VIII. These regulations are subject to Senate and Council approval.