The Professor John Asher Graduate Scholarship in German was established in 2009 to encourage research in German. The Scholarship has been made possible through the generosity of Mrs Monica Asher and the family of Professor John Asher.

Professor John Asher was a graduate and a member of the staff of The University of Auckland. As founding Professor of German and Head of Department from 1958 to 1986 he developed the longstanding relationships the University holds with German academic institutions, the Embassy of the Federal Republic of Germany, the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD), and the German community in New Zealand.

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 Professor John Asher Graduate Scholarship in German.
2. One scholarship will be awarded annually to the value of up to $4,000.
3. The Scholarship will be awarded to a graduate student in the School of Cultures, Languages and Linguistics, enrolled in a Bachelor of Arts (Honours) or a Master of Arts in German. A Bachelor of Arts (Honours) recipient who is proceeding to a Master of Arts in German in the following year may re-apply at the closing date for consideration in the next year’s round.
4. Selection will be based on both academic merit and the quality of the applicant’s research proposal.
5. The Scholarship will be paid in two instalments, one in each semester.
6. The Scholarship will be awarded by the University of Auckland Council on the recommendation of a Selection Committee comprising the Head of the School of Cultures, Languages and Linguistics (or nominee), the Coordinator of the German programme (or nominee) and one other academic member of staff nominated by the Head of School.
7. The University of Auckland Council is not obliged to make an award if in any year there is no candidate of sufficient merit.

8. The University of Auckland Council has power to amend or vary these Regulations in consultation with the Head of the School of Cultures, Languages and Linguistics and with the Donor (or the Executors of her estate) provided that there is no departure from the main purpose of the Scholarship.

9. Applications close with the Scholarships Office on 15 March in the year of the award.