School of Environment Māori Masters Thesis Scholarship

**Description**

The Scholarship was established in 2011 and is funded by the School of Environment.

The main purpose of the Scholarship is to encourage high–achieving Māori students to continue their studies by undertaking masters thesis study in the School of Environment at the 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 shall be known as School of Environment Māori Masters Thesis Scholarship.
2. One or more Scholarships shall be offered annually, for a period of one year of equivalent full-time study, and will be of the value of up to $5,000 plus compulsory tuition fees. The Scholarship may be taken up in either the first or second semester in the year of the award.
3. The Scholarship may be awarded to students enrolling in full-time or part-time study in a Master of Science or Master of Arts thesis in Geography, or a Master of Science thesis in Earth Sciences, Environmental Management, Environmental Science or Geophysics in the School of Environment at the University of Auckland.
4. The Scholarship is tenable by Māori students who are citizens or permanent residents of New Zealand.
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. A minimum GPA/GPE of 4.00 or above in the applicant's most recent qualifying programme is required for consideration for the Scholarship (see Note I).
6. The Scholarship shall be awarded by the University of Auckland Council on the recommendation of a selection committee comprising the Director of the School of Environment (or nominee), the Head of Postgraduate Research and one other member of the academic staff of the School of Environment.
7. The Scholarships shall be paid as a tuition fees credit and in two equal instalments, commencing in the first semester.
of enrolment following the award of this Scholarship. Payments to part-time students will be on a pro-rata basis.

8. A Scholarship shall automatically cease to be available to a student who through withdrawal or failure to meet any programme requirements is no longer eligible to pursue the programme of study for which the Scholarship has been offered.

9. A School of Environment Māori Masters Scholarship may not be held in conjunction with a University of Auckland Research Masters Scholarship or a University of Auckland Māori Postgraduate Scholarship. The Scholarship may however be held concurrently 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. The total stipend of any further awards shall not exceed $15,000. If the value of the co-tenured scholarships exceeds $20,000 the emolument for School of Environment Māori Masters Scholarship will be reduced to limit the co-tenured total to $20,000.

10. A Scholarship may be terminated by the University of Auckland Council on receipt of a report of unsatisfactory academic progress from the Head of the School of Environment.

11. Applications close with the Scholarships Office on 20 February in the year of the award (see Note II).

12. Notes [I]-[II] below are deemed to be regulations.

Notes

I. 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 most recently completed programme is a conjoint degree the GPA/GPE will be calculated over the entirety 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.

II. Applicants must also apply for admission to the Masters programme in the School of Environment by the closing date.