

School of Environment Masters Thesis Scholarship for Māori Students

Code:	674
Faculty:	Science
Applicable study:	Masters Thesis in the School of Environment
Closing date:	21 February 2023
Tenure:	Up to one year of full-time study (or equivalent)
For:	Assistance
Number on offer:	One or more
Offer rate:	Annually
Value:	Up to \$5,000 plus compulsory fees

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 Masters Thesis Scholarship for Māori Students.
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 Semester One or Semester Two in the year of the award.
3. The Scholarship may be awarded to a student who is enrolling or who has enrolled full-time or part-time in the thesis component of a Master of Science or Master of Arts in Geography, a Master of Science in Earth Sciences, Environmental Management, Environmental Science or Geophysics in the School of Environment at the University of Auckland, or the thesis component with a points value of at least 90 points in a 180 point masters degree offered by the School of Environment at the University of Auckland. Students who are enrolled in a masters programme of more than 120 points must be enrolled in the thesis component at the time of take-up of the Scholarship to be eligible for consideration.
4. To take up and be paid the Scholarship, recipients must be enrolled full-time or part-time in the masters thesis with a points value of at least 90 points.

5. The Scholarship is tenable by Māori students who are citizens or permanent residents of New Zealand.
6. The basis of selection will be academic achievement 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).
7. 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.
8. 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.
9. 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.
10. A School of Environment Masters Thesis Scholarship for Māori Students may not be held in conjunction with a University of Auckland Research Masters Scholarship or a University of Auckland Māori Postgraduate Scholarship. However, the Scholarship may be held concurrently with any other scholarship, award or grant where the Regulations for that scholarship, award or grant permit and where the University of Auckland Council is informed and approves. It is the responsibility of the recipient 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. 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.
12. Applications close with the Scholarships Office on 21 February in the year of the award (see Note II).
13. Notes [I]-[IV] 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 relevant component 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.*
- III. 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.*
- IV. Recipients of a School of Environment Masters Thesis Scholarship for Māori Students 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 or funding status. The University of Auckland may, in the event that it can be established that a recipient of a School of Environment Masters Thesis Scholarship for Māori Students is not complying with these regulations, terminate the Scholarship and require repayment of the funds received from the date of the breach.*