Sir Graham (Mont) Liggins Scholarship

**Description**

The Scholarship was established in 2016 and is funded by the Mont Liggins Memorial Fund. The intention of the Scholarship is to encourage and support academically excellent students to undertake an honours or research masters degree that falls within one or more of the strategic research themes of the University of Auckland Liggins Institute.

The Liggins Institute has a number of overlapping research themes exploring the ways in which factors in the early life environment affect health throughout the life course and influence the health of following generations. A particular focus is on the effect of altered early life nutrition on later life health. Opportunities span basic science, clinical and translational research platforms.

**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 Sir Graham (Mont) Liggins Scholarship.
2. Two Scholarships will be awarded annually, each for a period of one year, and will be of the value of up to $7,500 each.
3. The Scholarship will be available to students applying for admission to an honours or research masters degree based in and supervised by academic staff from the Liggins Institute at the University of Auckland. Students already enrolled in an honours or research masters degree are not eligible for consideration for this Scholarship.
4. To take up and be paid the Scholarship, candidates must be enrolled and have paid the fees, or arranged to pay the fees, for full-time enrolment in anhonours or research masters programme based in the Liggins Institute undertaking research that falls within one or more of the strategic research themes of the Liggins Institute.
5. The Scholarship is tenable by students who are citizens or permanent residents of New Zealand.
6. 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 GPA/GPE of 6.00 (5.50 for Māori or Pacific candidates) in the applicant’s most recent qualifying programme is required for the award of a Scholarship (see Note I).

7. The Scholarship will be awarded by the University of Auckland Council upon the recommendation of a Selection Committee comprising the Director (or nominee), the Associated Director - Postgraduate (or nominee) and the Associate Director - Research (or nominee) of the Liggins Institute.

8. The Scholarship will be paid in two equal lump sums, one in Semester One and one in Semester Two.

9. The Scholarship may be held concurrently with any other scholarship, award or grant as long as a) the terms of that scholarship, award or grant permit and b) the University of Auckland Council is informed and approves.

10. The University of Auckland Council, in consultation with the Director of the Liggins Institute, has the power to terminate or suspend a Scholarship if it receives a report of unsatisfactory progress of a Scholar from the Head of the Department or thesis supervisor.

11. The University of Auckland Council is not obliged to make an award if in any year there is no candidate of sufficient merit.

12. The University of Auckland Council has the power to amend or vary these Regulations, in consultation with the Donor, provided that there is no departure from the main purpose of the Scholarship.

13. Notes [I]-[III] 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 postgraduate programme for which they are applying. Where the most recently completed qualifying programme is a conjoint programme the GPA/GPE will be calculated over the entirety of the qualifying 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. Payments under the terms of this Scholarship remain tax-free as long as they are used directly for the payment of costs associated with an awardee’s programme of study. Failure to comply with this regulation will result in the termination of the Scholarship.

III. Recipients of a Sir Graham (Mont) Liggins Scholarship will be required to give undertakings that they will comply with the regulations of 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 Sir Graham (Mont) Liggins Scholarship is not complying with these Regulations, terminate the Scholarship and require repayment of the funds received from the date of the breach.