Thanh Cao-Dac Postgraduate Engineering Award

**Code:** 609  
**Faculty:** Engineering  
**Applicable study:** International student undertaking Masters or PhD study in Engineering  
**Closing date:** 31 August 2021  
**Tenure:** Up to four years  
**For:** Assistance (refer to Reg. 2)  
**Number on offer:** One  
**Offer rate:** Varies  
**Value:** Up to $16,000 pa

**Description**

The Award was established in 2009 by Thanh Cao-Dac, a former Colombo Plan student at the Faculty of Engineering, to assist citizens of Vietnam to study postgraduate Engineering at the University of Auckland.

**Selection process**

- Application is made to the Scholarships Office  
- A Selection Committee assesses the applications  
- The Award is made by the University of Auckland Council on the recommendation of the Selection Committee

**Regulations**

1. The Award shall be known as the Thanh Cao-Dac Postgraduate Engineering Award.  
2. The Award will be awarded for a period of up to four years and will be of the value of $16,000 per annum (see Note I).  
3. The Award will be available to candidates who are: a) citizens of Vietnam; and b) eligible to enrol in a Masters or PhD degree in the Faculty of Engineering.  
4. The basis of selection will be academic achievement as assessed by the grade point average (GPA) or grade point equivalent (GPE) calculated over the qualifying programme, financial need and suitability of the proposed study in New Zealand (see Notes II to III).  
5. The Award will be made by the University of Auckland Council on the recommendation of a selection Committee comprising the Dean of the Faculty of Engineering (or nominee), the Deputy Dean of Engineering (or nominee) and an academic from the Faculty of Engineering chosen by the Dean in consultation with Dr Thanh Cao-Dac.  
6. The Award 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.  
7. The Award will be paid in two equal instalments in each year of eligible study, one in the first semester and one in the second semester. Continuation of the Award for the second and subsequent years will be subject to the recipient maintaining satisfactory academic progress.  
8. The University of Auckland Council, in consultation with the Donor, has the power to terminate or suspend an Award.
if it receives a report of unsatisfactory progress of a Scholar from the Dean of the Faculty of Engineering.

9. The University of Auckland Council has the power to amend or vary these Regulations in consultation with Dr Thanh Cao-Dac provided that there is no departure from the main purpose of the Award.

10. Applications close with the Scholarships on 31 August in the year preceding the award.

11. Notes [I] – [VI] below are deemed to be regulations.

Notes

I. The recipient will be required to pay all compulsory tuition fees, international student insurance and all other costs inherent in pursuing study at the University of Auckland as an international student.

II. The 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 qualifying programme is an undergraduate honours degree (or equivalent undergraduate degree or integrated undergraduate and postgraduate degree), the GPA/GPE will be calculated over the final two years of full-time study (or equivalent) in the programme. In all other cases, the GPA/GPE will be calculated over the entirety of the programme.

III. Financial need will be determined by the candidate’s personal and financial circumstances, as well as any other scholarships, bursaries, awards or grants held by the candidate.

IV. Awardees are required to submit a written report at the end of each year to Dr Thanh Cao-Dac over the period in which they hold the Award.

V. Payments under the terms of this Award 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 Award.

VI. Recipients of a Thanh Cao-Dac Postgraduate Engineering Award will be required to give undertakings that they will comply with the regulations for the Award and will notify the Scholarships Office of any change in their enrolment, employment or funding status. The University of Auckland may, in the event that it can be established that a recipient of a Thanh Cao-Dac Postgraduate Engineering Award is not complying with these regulations, terminate the Award and require repayment of the funds received from the date of the breach.