The Scholarships were established in 2012 and are funded by the Auckland Council.

The main purpose of the Scholarships is to encourage high-achieving students who are current participants in the Auckland Council Student Partnership Programme to undertake Masters thesis study at the University of Auckland in a discipline that aligns with work done by the Research and Evaluation Unit of the Auckland Council.

Selection process

- Nominations are made to the Scholarships Office
- The Scholarships are awarded by the University of Auckland Council from the nominations of the Auckland Council

Regulations

1. The Scholarships shall be known as the Auckland Council Student Partnership Programme Masters Thesis Scholarships.
2. One or more scholarships will be awarded annually, for a period of up to one year, and will be of the value of up to $5,000 each.
3. To take up and be paid the Scholarship, the recipient must have paid the fees, or arranged to pay the fees, for full-time study towards the research component of a Masters degree at the University of Auckland (see Note I).
4. The Scholarships are tenable by students who are citizens or permanent residents of New Zealand and are current participants in the Auckland Council Student Partnership Programme.
5. The basis of selection will be academic merit and alignment of the proposed study with the aims and objectives of the Research and Evaluation Unit of Auckland Council (Environment, Social, Economics and Land Use).
6. The Scholarships will be awarded by the University of Auckland Council upon the recommendation of a selection committee comprising the Director of the School of Environment (or nominee) and two representatives from the Research and Evaluation Unit of the Auckland Council (see Note II).
7. The Scholarships shall be paid in three instalments as follows: upon enrolment and following acceptance by Auckland Council of the project proposal; at the end of the first semester of study, following a brief progress report and oral presentation to the Auckland Council; on completion of a final summary report and presentation to the Auckland Council.

8. A recipient who withdraws from their programme of study without completing the requirements of this Scholarship may be required to reimburse the funds received.

9. The Scholarship may be held concurrently with any other award or grant as long as a) the terms of that 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 Donor, has the power to terminate or suspend a Scholarship if it receives an unsatisfactory report on the progress of a Scholar from the Head of their School or Department.

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 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 research discipline of the Masters Thesis programme should align with the work done by the Research and Evaluation Unit of Auckland Council (Environment, Social, Economics and Land Use).*

II. *Nomination of Scholarship recipients may be made by the Auckland Council at various points during the year.*

III. *The Scholarship may be taken up in either the first or second semester in the year of the award.*