The Icehouse Foundation PhD Scholarship

The Scholarship was established in 2018 and is funded by The Icehouse Foundation to encourage research on growing New Zealand small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) and research collaboration between the University of Auckland Business School and the Icehouse.

The main purpose of the Scholarship is to support PhD students enrolled in the University of Auckland Business School undertaking research in a topic which has the potential to impact on growing businesses in New Zealand.

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 Icehouse Foundation PhD Scholarship.
2. Up to three Scholarships will be awarded, each for a period of up three years and will include a stipend of up to $27,600 per annum in 2018, with an annual cost of living adjustment to the stipend value, plus compulsory fees for all domestic and international students who are eligible to study under the domestic fees policy, and compulsory international student health insurance, where applicable (see Notes I and II). Part-time students will be paid pro-rata for up to 72 months (see Note VI).
3. The Scholarship may be awarded to new students applying for admission to a PhD in the Business School at the University of Auckland who meet all the requirements of these regulations. Eligible candidates who have begun their PhD programme in Business School may be considered for this Scholarship.
4. The Scholarship is tenable by full-time domestic and international students who are eligible to pay domestic fees (see Note II). The scholarship may also be available to domestic students for whom socially compelling reasons make part-time enrolment preferable (see Note VI).
5. The basis of selection will be academic merit, relevant professional experience and the quality and nature of the
research proposal. Matters that may be considered in relation to academic merit include, but are not limited to, academic record, standing of awarding institution, academic references, CV, research and publication record. Where a completed programme with a grade point average (GPA) or grade point equivalent (GPE) is the basis for entry to the PhD, a candidate must have a GPA/GPE of 7.00 or above (6.50 for Māori or Pacific candidates) in that programme to be eligible for scholarship consideration (see Note III). Matters that may be considered in relation to relevant professional experience include, but are not limited to, practical business experience and statements from the candidate and supervisor addressing how the proposed research will contribute to one or more of the Strategic Research Themes of the Business School and the Icehouse. The candidate’s ability to complete the thesis in a timely manner, written and verbal communication capabilities and leadership potential may also be taken into consideration by the Selection Committee (see Notes IV-V).

6. The Scholarship will be awarded by the University of Auckland Council upon the recommendation of a Selection Committee comprising the Associate Dean (Postgraduate) of the University of Auckland Business School (or nominee), the Associate Dean (Research) of the University of Auckland Business School (or nominee) and a representative of the donor.

7. Domestic and international students will be required to enrol within 3 and within 6 months respectively of the date of their unconditional programme offer, otherwise the scholarship offer will lapse. Awardees must also meet all requirements of their admission and scholarship offer before any payments will be made.

8. The Scholarship will provide support for up to 36 months of study and payments will commence from the doctoral enrolment date in the case of new students, and from the date recommended by the Selection Committee and approved by the Scholarships Sub-Committee in the case of students who have already commenced their programme. A further six months of scholarship funding, subject to Scholarship Sub-Committee approval, may be available. These durations shall be pro-rated for part-time scholarship awardees (see Note VI).

9. Subject to regulation 8, the Scholarship shall be tenable until the date of either submission or 48 months of active enrolment from the doctoral enrolment date, whichever is the earlier.

10. The amount of additional and paid work a Scholar may undertake either inside or outside the University shall not exceed a total of 500 hours per scholarship year (see Note VIII).

11. The Icehouse Foundation PhD Scholarship may not be held concurrently with any scholarship, award or grant funded by the University of Auckland. However, it may be held concurrently with any other scholarship, award or grant where the regulations for that award or grant permit, and where the University of Auckland Council so approves.

12. The University of Auckland Council, in consultation with the donor, has the power to terminate or suspend a Scholarship if it receives a report of unsatisfactory progress of a Scholar from the Associate Dean (Postgraduate) of the Business School.

13. 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.


Notes

I. Compulsory fees are those only related to the relevant Doctoral study, plus Student Services Fee. In addition, for international students, the single student Health Insurance compulsory charge (as detailed on the tuition fees invoice) is covered by the Scholarship for the duration of the scholarship.

II. To be eligible to pay domestic PhD fees, recipients who are permanent residents of New Zealand or Australia, Australian citizens or international students may only be resident outside of New Zealand for a maximum total of twelve months over the period of their enrolment in their doctoral degree and only for the purposes of conducting research.

III. Where the qualifying programme is an undergraduate honours degree (or equivalent undergraduate degree or integrated undergraduate and postgraduate degree), the grade point average or equivalent will be calculated over the final two years of full-time study (or equivalent) in the programme. In all other cases, the grade point average or equivalent will be calculated over the entirety of the qualifying programme.
IV. The four Strategic Research Themes of the University of Auckland Business School are: a) Innovation and Value Creation, b) Succeeding in International Markets, c) Productivity and Sustainability, and d) Leadership and Governance. These are set out in more detail in the document “Strategic Research Themes within the Business School” which can be obtained from the Business School’s Research Office.

V. The Icehouse research interests include the growth of New Zealand SMEs, succession in growing New Zealand SMEs, and advice and governance for growing New Zealand SMEs.

VI. Recipients of an Icehouse Foundation PhD Scholarship are normally required to be enrolled on a full-time basis. However, domestic students for whom socially compelling reasons make part-time enrolment preferable may apply to hold a scholarship on a part-time basis pro-rated. Socially compelling reasons include a) carer responsibilities for: pre-school and/or school-aged children; an invalid or disabled family / whanau member; or b) medical condition(s), impairment(s) or disabilities. Applicants will not be granted permission to hold an Icehouse Foundation PhD Scholarship on a part-time basis if they wish to undertake full-time paid employment or substantial part-time employment. Students who hold a scholarship on a part-time basis are subject to the same employment restrictions as full-time scholarship holders (i.e. 500 hours per scholarship year; refer Regulation 10 and Note VII) and are required to change to full-time enrolment if a change in their circumstances means they no longer qualify to hold the scholarship on a part-time basis.

VII. Recipients of an Icehouse Foundation PhD Scholarship 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, employment or funding status. The University of Auckland may, in the event it can be established that a recipient of an Icehouse Foundation PhD Scholarship is not complying with these regulations, terminate the Scholarship and require repayment of the funds received from the date of the breach.

VIII. Paid work that is undertaken as part of an approved University of Auckland Internship is not counted towards the 500 hours of additional and paid work that a Scholar may undertake while in receipt of a scholarship.

IX. At the end of 12 months of registration the recipient/s of the Scholarship will be required to submit a report to the donor outlining their progress on an annual basis after 12 months and on completion at a minimum.

X. The Scholarship holder/s will be encourage to give a presentation of their research to the donor.

XI. These regulations are subject to Senate and Council approval.