The Kate Edger Educational Charitable Trust Dame Dorothy Winstone Doctoral Completion Award

**Description**

The Award was established in 2012 and is funded by The Kate Edger Educational Charitable Trust. From 2015, the University of Auckland has administered the Award on behalf of The Kate Edger Educational Charitable Trust for University of Auckland applicants.

The main purpose of the Award is to assist a woman graduate who has completed a minimum of three years of full-time study or six years of part-time study towards a PhD or named Doctorate, to have at least four months free of employment and to remain or become a full-time student, in order to make substantial progress towards completion of a PhD or named Doctorate qualification.

This Award is also open to eligible students from other approved institutions in the Auckland area, who should apply directly through The Kate Edger Educational Charitable Trust.

**Selection process**

- Application is made to the Scholarships Office
- The Kate Edger Educational Charitable Trust assesses the applications
- The Award is made by the University of Auckland Council on the recommendation of The Kate Edger Educational Charitable Trust

**Regulations**

1. The Award shall be known as The Kate Edger Educational Charitable Trust Dame Dorothy Winstone Doctoral Completion Award.
2. Three Awards will be made annually, for a period determined by The Kate Edger Educational Charitable Trust, and will be of the value of up to $16,000 each.
3. To take up and be paid the Award, candidates must have completed a minimum of three years of full-time study or
six years of part-time study towards a PhD or named Doctorate and must enrol full-time at the University of Auckland for at least four months.

4. The Award is tenable by women students who are citizens or permanent residents of New Zealand.

5. The basis of selection will be academic merit as assessed by the grade point average (GPA) or grade point equivalent (GPE) calculated over the qualifying programme for the PhD or named Doctorate, and the applicant’s academic achievements, research qualifications and research plans. Candidates must have a GPA or GPE of at least 7.00 (6.50 for Māori or Pacific candidates) in their qualifying programme to be eligible for award consideration. Where a qualifying programme is entirely pass/fail, the University may generate a GPA only where the programme consists entirely of a thesis (see Note I).

6. The Award will be made by the University of Auckland Council upon the recommendation of The Kate Edger Educational Charitable Trust.

7. The Award will be paid in one instalment upon acceptance.

8. The Award may not be held concurrently with any other scholarship, award or grant of equal or higher value. It may be held 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 and the Donor are informed and approves.

9. To comply with the full-time study requirement in Regulation 3, the amount of additional and paid work a Scholar may undertake either inside or outside the University shall not exceed a total of 500 per scholarship year (see Note II).

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

11. 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 Award.

12. Applications close with the Scholarships Office on 6 April and 6 July in the year of the award and 18 November in the year preceding the award.

13. Notes [I]-[IV] below are deemed to be regulations.

Notes

I. Where a 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.

II. Paid work 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 an award.

III. On completion of her degree, the recipient of the Award will be required to submit a brief report endorsed by their Supervisors, to the Awards Convener of The Kate Edger Educational Charitable Trust.

IV. Any publications arising from the recipient’s research should acknowledge the Award received from The Kate Edger Educational Charitable Trust.