The Kate Edger Educational Charitable Trust First Year Doctoral Award

**Description**

The Award was established in 2015 and is funded by The Kate Edger Educational Charitable Trust. From 2016, 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 women graduates currently enrolled in their first year of full-time study at the University of Auckland towards a PhD or named doctorate.

The 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 on the recommendation of The Kate Edger Educational Charitable Trust

**Regulations**

1. The Award shall be known as The Kate Edger Educational Charitable Trust First Year Doctoral Award.
2. Up to five Awards will be made annually, for a period of one year, and will be of the value of up to $11,000 each.
3. To take up and be paid the Award, candidates must have paid the fees or arranged to pay the fees, for full-time enrolment in their first year of study towards a PhD or named doctorate at the University of Auckland.
4. Students who have completed one year of full-time study (or equivalent) are not eligible for consideration for this Award.
5. The Award is tenable by women 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 the 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 and 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).

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

8. The Award will be paid in one instalment after acceptance.

9. The Award may be held with any other scholarship, award or grant as long as a) the regulations for that scholarship, award or grant permit and b) the University of Auckland Council and the Donor are informed and approve.

10. 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 hours per scholarship year (see Note II).

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 Award.

13. Applications close with the Scholarships Office on 6 April in the year of the award.

14. Notes [I]-[VI] below are deemed to be regulations.

Notes

I. 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.

II. 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 an award.

III. On completion of their year of study, the recipients 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.

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. Recipient of The Kate Edger Educational Charitable Trust First Year Doctoral 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 or funding status. The University of Auckland may, in the event that it can be established that a recipient of The Kate Edger Educational Trust First Year Doctoral Award is not complying with these regulations, terminate the Award and require repayment of the funds received.