

# University of Auckland Bioengineering Masters Scholarship for Māori and Pacific Students

<b>Code:</b>	942
<b>Faculty:</b>	Auckland Bioengineering Institute
<b>Applicable study:</b>	ME Thesis in Bioengineering
<b>Closing date:</b>	1 February 2022 (Semester One) and 30 June 2022 (Semester Two)
<b>Tenure:</b>	Up to one year of full-time study (or equivalent)
<b>For:</b>	Stipend and fees
<b>Number on offer:</b>	Varies
<b>Offer rate:</b>	Biannually
<b>Value:</b>	Up to \$13,655 in 2022 plus compulsory fees

## Description

The Scholarship was established in 2017 and is funded by the Auckland Bioengineering Institute.

The main purpose of the Scholarship is to encourage and support Māori and Pacific students to undertake a research masters degree in the Auckland Bioengineering Institute.

## Selection process

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

## Regulations

1. The Scholarship shall be known as the University of Auckland Bioengineering Masters Scholarship for Māori and Pacific Students.
2. One or more Scholarships may be awarded biannually for a period of up to one year of full-time study (or equivalent), and will comprise a stipend of up to \$13,655 in 2022, paid in fortnightly instalments, plus compulsory fees. Payments and tenure will be pro-rated for part-time students.
3. To take up and be paid the Scholarship, the recipient must be enrolled full-time or part-time in a Master of Engineering in Bioengineering (BIOENG 796).
4. The Scholarship is tenable by Māori and Pacific students who are citizens or permanent residents of New Zealand (see Note II).
5. Selection will be based on academic merit as assessed by the grade point average (GPA) or grade point equivalent (GPE) calculated over the most recent qualifying programme, the nature and quality of the research proposal and alignment of the proposed research with the strategic objectives of the Auckland Bioengineering Institute. Matters that may be considered in relation to academic merit include, but are not limited to, academic record, CV, research

and publication record. Preference will be given to candidates who wish to work: a) in new areas of research where other sources of funding are difficult to find, b) with new members of staff who are just establishing their research programme, or c) on research projects of strategic importance to the Auckland Bioengineering Institute. The willingness of applicants to participate in outreach activities to Māori and Pacific student communities will also be taken into account. The research proposal must have been assessed and approved by the Principal Investigators at the Auckland Bioengineering Institute. Successful candidates will have a GPA/GPE of 5.00 in their most recent qualifying programme of study (see Notes II and III).

6. The Scholarship shall be awarded annually by the University of Auckland Council on the recommendation of a Selection Committee consisting of the Deputy Director of Auckland Bioengineering Institute (or nominee), the Associate Director of Research and the Associate Director Postgraduate of the Auckland Bioengineering Institute (or their nominees).
7. Payment will be made as a fortnightly stipend and a compulsory fees credit in each semester of enrolment. Payment of the stipend will commence from the third week of the first semester of enrolment following the awarding of the Scholarship. The Scholarship cannot be backdated to cover any semesters of study that have already been undertaken towards a Master of Engineering degree prior to the application closing date. Payment will be pro-rated for part-time students.
8. The amount of additional and paid University work a Scholar may undertake either inside or outside the University shall not exceed a total of 500 hours across the period of tenure of the Scholarship (see Notes IV and VI).
9. A University of Auckland Bioengineering Masters Scholarship for Māori and Pacific Students may not be held concurrently with a University of Auckland Research Masters Scholarship, a University of Auckland Pacific Postgraduate Scholarship, a University of Auckland Māori Postgraduate Scholarship or a University of Auckland Bioengineering Masters Scholarship. However, it may be held with any other study award of grant where the regulations for that award or grant permit and where the University of Auckland Council so agrees. If the value of the co-tenured scholarship exceeds 75% of the University of Auckland Bioengineering Masters Scholarship for Māori and Pacific Students stipend value, the emolument for the University of Auckland Bioengineering Masters Scholarship for Māori and Pacific Students will be reduced to limit the additional co-tenured stipend value to 75% of the University of Auckland Bioengineering Masters Scholarship for Māori and Pacific Students.
10. 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 Director (Postgraduate) of the Auckland Bioengineering Institute.
11. The University of Auckland Council has the power to amend or vary these Regulations, in consultation with the Auckland Bioengineering Institute, provided that there is no departure from the main purpose of the Scholarship.
12. Applications close with the Scholarships Office on 1 February and 30 June in the year of the award.
13. Notes [I] to [VII] below are deemed to be regulations.

## Notes

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- I. *Compulsory fees are only those related to the relevant programme of study, plus Student Services Fee.*
- II. *Pacific students are defined as citizens or permanent residents of New Zealand who are of indigenous Pacific descent from any of the following islands: Samoa, American Samoa, Tonga, Cook Islands, Niue, Tokelau, Fiji, Rotuma, Solomon Islands, Vanuatu, New Caledonia, Papua New Guinea, Kiribati, Tuvalu, Palau, Marshall Islands, Federated States of Micronesia, Wallis and Futuna, Hawaii, French Polynesia, Rapanui (Easter Island).*
- III. *The most recent 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 most recently completed programme is a conjoint programme the GPA/GPE will be calculated over the entirety of the conjoint programme. The maximum approved exchange or transfer credit that can be excluded from the GPA/GPE calculation for the qualifying programme is 60 points. Where the most recently completed programme is a Transitional Certificate, the qualifying programme is the Transitional Certificate and the most recently completed prior degree.*

- IV. *Students who hold the 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 8 and Note VI).*
- V. *Payments under the terms of this Scholarship 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 Scholarship.*
- VI. *Recipients of the University of Auckland Bioengineering Masters Scholarship for Māori and Pacific Students 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 that a recipient of a University of Auckland Bioengineering Masters Scholarship for Māori and Pacific Students is not complying with these regulations, terminate the Scholarship and require repayment of the funds received from the date of the breach*
- VII. *Applicants must also apply for admission to the Masters programme by the closing date for admission.*