University of Auckland Bioengineering Masters Scholarship

**Description**

The Scholarship was established in 2011 and is funded by the Auckland Bioengineering Institute.

The main purpose of the Scholarship is to encourage and support students to undertake a research master’s 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.
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 $13,260 paid in fortnightly instalments, plus compulsory fees. Payments and tenure will be pro-rated for part-time students (see Notes III-IV).
3. The Scholarship shall be offered annually to students enrolled at the University of Auckland and who have paid the fees, or arranged to pay the fees, for full or part-time enrolment in the Degree of Master of Engineering in Bioengineering (BIOENG 796) (see Note III). Recipients may take up the Scholarship in Semester One or Semester Two in the year of offer.
4. The Scholarship is tenable by students who are citizens or permanent residents of New Zealand.
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.
6. The Scholarship shall be awarded by the University of Auckland Council on the recommendation of a Selection Committee consisting of the Deputy Director of Auckland Bioengineering Institute, the Associate Dean of Research and the Associate Dean 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. Payments to part-time scholars will be pro-rated.

8. The amount of additional and paid University work a Scholar may undertake shall not exceed a total of 500 hours across the period of tenure of the Scholarship (see Note III-IV).

9. A University of Auckland Bioengineering Masters Scholarship may not be held concurrently with a University of Auckland Research Masters Scholarship or a University of Auckland Bioengineering Masters Scholarship for Māori and Pacific Students. However it may be held with any other scholarship, award or grant where the regulations for that scholarship, 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 stipend value, the emolument for the University of Auckland Bioengineering Masters Scholarship will be reduced to limit the additional co-tenured stipend value to 75% of the University of Auckland Bioengineering Masters Scholarship.

10. The University of Auckland Council has the power to terminate or suspend a Scholarship if is 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 31 January and 1 July in the year of the award.

13. Regulations [I]-[V] are deemed to be Regulations.

**Notes**

I. Compulsory fees are only those relating to the relevant programme of study, plus Student Services Fee.

II. 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.

III. Scholars 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 IV).

IV. Recipients of the University of Auckland Bioengineering Masters 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 that a recipient of a University of Auckland Bioengineering Masters Scholarship is not complying with these regulations, terminate the Scholarship and require repayment of the funds received from the date of the breach.

V. Students must also apply for admission to the Masters programme by the closing date for admission.