University of Auckland Business School Dean's Doctoral Scholarship

**Description**

The Scholarship was established in 2015 and is funded by the Office of the Dean of the University of Auckland Business School.

The intention of the Scholarship is to encourage and support academically excellent students to undertake full or part-time doctoral study on a pre-determined topic that falls within one or more of the four Strategic Research Themes of the University of Auckland Business School: productivity and sustainability, innovation and value creation, leadership and governance and internationalisation.

**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 shall be known as the University of Auckland Business School Dean's Doctoral Scholarship.
2. Up to five Scholarships will be awarded annually, depending on funding availability, for a period of up to 36 months, and will comprise a stipend of up to $28,200 per annum in 2020, with an annual cost of living adjustment to the stipend value, plus compulsory domestic PhD fees and compulsory international student health insurance, where applicable. Recipients will also be offered employment as a Research Assistant, Teaching Assistant or Graduate Teaching Assistant with the Business School. Part-time students will be paid pro-rata for up to 72 months (see Notes I-III and V).
3. The Scholarship may be awarded to new applicants applying for admission to a PhD at the University of Auckland Business School. Students already enrolled in a PhD at the University of Auckland Business School are not eligible for consideration for this Scholarship.
4. To take up the Scholarship, recipients must be enrolled full-time or part-time in a PhD at the University of Auckland.
Business School and undertaking research that falls within one or more of the four Strategic Research Themes: productivity and sustainability, innovation and value creation, leadership and governance or internationalisation (see Note V).

5. The Scholarship is tenable by domestic and international students who are paying domestic fees (see Note III).

6. The basis of selection will be academic merit, 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 and research and publication record. Where a qualifying 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 at least 7.00 (6.50 for Māori or Pacific candidates) to be eligible for 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 IV).

7. The Scholarship will provide support for up to 36 months and payments will commence from the doctoral registration date. A further six months scholarship funding, subject to Scholarships Committee approval, may be available. These durations shall be pro-rated for part-time scholarship awardees (see Note V).

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

9. 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.

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 Scholarship may not be held concurrently with a University of Auckland Doctoral Scholarship, or with any other New Zealand government or foreign government funded scholarships. However, 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 is informed and approves. The maximum allowable co-tenure amount is 75% of the stipend value of this Scholarship. If the value of the co-tenured scholarship exceeds 75% the emolument for the University of Auckland Business School Dean’s Doctoral Scholarship will be reduced to limit the additional co-tenured stipend value to 75%.

12. The University of Auckland Council, in consultation with the Dean of the Business School, has the power to terminate or suspend a Scholarship if it receives an unsatisfactory report on the progress of a Scholar from the Director of the Business School programme, a Head of Department or Thesis Supervisor.

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

14. The University of Auckland Council has the power to amend or vary these Regulations, in consultation with the Dean of the Business School, provided that there is no departure from the main purpose of the Scholarship.

15. Notes [I]-[VIII] below are deemed to be regulations.

Notes

I. Recipients will be offered an opportunity to contribute to the Business School’s research agenda as a Research Assistant (RA) or teaching programme as a Graduate Teaching Assistant (GTA) or Teaching Assistant (TA). Research assistants will be expected to work closely with their supervisor on research that supports the Business School’s strategic research themes. The University’s employment restrictions of a maximum of 500 hours per scholarship year apply and taxable remuneration will be based on the recipient’s experience.

II. Compulsory fees are only those 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.

III. To be able 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.

IV. 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.

V. Recipients of a University of Auckland Business School Dean’s Doctoral 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), impairments or disabilities. Applicants will not be granted permission to hold a University of Auckland Business School Dean’s Doctoral Scholarship on a part-time basis if they wish to undertake full-time 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 VIII) 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.

VI. Each year recipients of the Scholarships must sign a statutory declaration that, in the previous academic year, they have complied with the regulations for the Scholarship and that they give an undertaking that, in the current academic year, they will notify the University 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 the Scholarship is not complying with these regulations, terminate the Scholarship and require repayment of the funds received from the date of the breach.

VII. Scholarship holders must, in their third year, give a public presentation of their research in the Business School. Failure to present is sufficient cause for the Dean of the Business School to exercise discretionary power to terminate or suspend the Scholarship.

VIII. Paid work that is 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.