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 their first 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 $28,800 per annum in 2022, with an annual cost of living adjustment to the stipend value, plus compulsory domestic PhD fees and compulsory international student health insurance, where applicable. Awardees 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 to III and VI).
3. Students will be considered for the award of a University of Auckland Business School Dean’s Doctoral Scholarship at the time of application for admission to their first doctorate, a PhD degree in the University of Auckland Business School. Students who already have a doctorate are not eligible for consideration for the Scholarship. Students who have already been admitted to their doctoral programme are not eligible for consideration for this Scholarship.

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4. To be eligible for Scholarship consideration, candidates must i) comply with the requirements of the domestic fees policy for PhD students (see Note IV), ii) subject to Regulation 3, be enrolling full-time or part-time (see Note VI) in a PhD at the University of Auckland Business School and iii) be 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. 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 V).

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

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.

7. 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 Research) (or nominee) and the Associate Dean (Research) (or nominee).

8. Domestic students and international students with a New Zealand qualifying programme will be required to enrol within three months of the date of their unconditional programme offer; international students with an overseas qualifying programme will be required to enrol within six months of the date of their unconditional programme offer, otherwise the scholarship offer will lapse. Awardees must also meet all requirements of their admission and scholarship offer before any payments will be made (see Note VII).

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

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 Notes II, VI and X).

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 the regulations for that scholarship, award or grant permit and 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% of the University of Auckland Business School Dean’s Doctoral Scholarship stipend value, 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% of the University of Auckland’s Doctoral Scholarship stipend value. It is the responsibility of the awardee to declare to the Scholarships Office all other scholarships, awards or grant funding received and for which the awardee receives payment while also in payment for this Scholarship.

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 a report of unsatisfactory progress of a Scholar from the Director of the Business School programme, a Head of Department or Thesis Supervisor (see IX).

13. The University of Auckland Council is not obliged to make an award if it is determined there are no candidates that meet the criteria and/or no candidates of sufficient merit.

14. The University of Auckland Waipapa Taumata Rau can 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]-[XII] below are deemed to be regulations.

Notes

I. Awardees 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).

II. 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 awardee’s experience.

III. 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.

IV. 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.

V. 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.

VI. Awardees 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 prorated. 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 Notes II and X) 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.

VII. Where exceptional circumstances exist, students may apply to the Scholarships Office to request an extension of take-up time for the Scholarship. Applications will be considered and determined on a case-by-case basis in consultation with the Dean of Graduate Studies as warranted. PhD enrolments and scholarship payments must commence on the first of the month.

VIII. Awardees will be required to comply with the regulations for the Scholarship and must notify the Scholarships Office of any change in their enrolment, employment or funding status. The University of Auckland Waipapa Taumata Rau may, in the event it can be established that an awardee is not complying with these regulations, terminate the Scholarship and require repayment of the funds received from the date of the breach.

IX. 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.

X. 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.

XI. Payments under the terms of this Scholarship remain tax-free as long as they are used for the payment of costs associated with an awardee’s programme of study and/or to assist the awardee with living costs while studying. Failure to comply with this regulation will result in the termination of the Scholarship.

XII. The decision by the University of Auckland Council, and by the Selection Committee, to recommend or not recommend the award of the Scholarship is final. Such decision is not subject to appeal or review, except as provided by law.