

# University of Auckland Commonwealth Scholarship

<b>Code:</b>	266
<b>Faculty:</b>	All
<b>Applicable study:</b>	PhD or other approved doctorate - tenable by citizens of Canada and the UK
<b>Closing date:</b>	See Note I
<b>Tenure:</b>	Refer to Reg. 7
<b>For:</b>	Assistance to complete a degree at the University of Auckland
<b>Number on offer:</b>	Varies
<b>Offer rate:</b>	Annually
<b>Value:</b>	Up to \$27,900pa for 2019 plus health insurance, compulsory fees at the domestic rate, return flights for the scholar and \$1,000 baggage allowance

## Description

Following the withdrawal of funding by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade for Commonwealth Scholars from developed countries, in 1998 the University of Auckland agreed to provide funding for one new Scholarship per year for candidates from Canada and the United Kingdom. It is expected that this arrangement will be reciprocal.

These Regulations are to be read in conjunction with the Universities New Zealand "Rules and Regulations for Scholars from Australia, Canada and the United Kingdom".

## Selection process

- Application is made through the appropriate organisation in the recipient's home country
- a Selection Committee assesses the applications
- the Scholarships are awarded by the University of Auckland Council on the recommendation of the Scholarships Committee

## Regulations

1. The Scholarship will be known as the University of Auckland Commonwealth Scholarship.
2. The University of Auckland Commonwealth Scholarship provides a tax-free stipend of up to \$27,900 per annum for up to 36 months for 2019. In addition, compulsory tuition fees will be covered for international students who are eligible to study under the domestic fees policy (see Note II). Students will also receive compulsory student health cover, return flights for the scholar and a baggage allowance of up to \$1,000.00.
3. The Scholarship may be awarded each year to students enrolled full-time at the University of Auckland for the Degree of Doctor of Philosophy or another approved Doctorate.
4. The Scholarship is tenable by students who are Canadian or British citizens and who are eligible to undertake doctoral study at the domestic fees rate (see Note II).
5. The Scholarship will be awarded by the University of Auckland Council on the recommendation of the Scholarships Committee.

6. Selection will be based on academic merit, the proposed area of research, and the ability of the University to provide adequate supervision and access to resources. Matters that may be considered in addition to academic merit include, but are not limited to, academic record, standing of awarding institute, academic references, CV, research and publication record. Where a completed 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 7.00 or above in that programme to be eligible for scholarship consideration. Where a programme is entirely pass/fail, the University may generate a GPA only where the programme consists entirely of a thesis (see Note IV).
7. A Scholarship will be tenable for a maximum of thirty-six months for a PhD candidate. The exact tenure will be stipulated by the Scholarships Committee on a case by case basis as awards are made. A six month extension of funding may be granted on application to the Scholarships Committee. Scholarship payments will commence from the date of arrival in New Zealand which is expected to be no longer than two weeks prior to the first enrolment.
8. To comply with full-time study requirement in Regulation 3, the amount of additional and paid work a Scholar may undertake either inside or outside the University may not exceed a total of 500 hours per scholarship year. A recommendation from the Scholarships Committee to the Immigration authorities for a variation to the Scholar's student permit will be required before any appointment can be made. Any fee payable for a variation to the student permit is the responsibility of the Scholar.
9. A University of Auckland Commonwealth Scholarship may not be held concurrently with any Postgraduate Scholarship awarded by Universities New Zealand unless the University of Auckland Council so approves, or with a University of Auckland Doctoral Scholarship. 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 approves. If the value of co-tenured scholarships exceeds \$35,000 the emolument for the University of Auckland Commonwealth Scholarship will be reduced to limit the co-tenured stipend total to \$35,000.
10. A Scholarship may be terminated by the University of Auckland Council should the Scholarships Committee receive a report from a Scholar's Head of Department indicating that progress is unsatisfactory.
11. The University of Auckland Council is not obliged to make an award if in any year there are no candidates of sufficient merit.
12. Notes [I]-[IV] below are deemed to be regulations.

## Notes

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- I. Applications for these Scholarships must be made through the appropriate organisation in the Scholar's home country on the Commonwealth Scholarship application form. Closing dates vary and these should be sought from the appropriate organisation in the Scholar's home country.*
- II. To be eligible to pay domestic PhD fees, recipients who are international students may only be resident outside of New Zealand for a total of twelve months over the period of their enrolment in their doctoral degree and only for the purpose of conducting research.*
- III. The emolument attached to a University of Auckland Commonwealth Scholarship is detailed in the Universities New Zealand "Rules and Regulations for Scholars in New Zealand under the Commonwealth Scholarship and Fellowship Plan". The emolument for future years will be as advised each time new Scholarships are awarded.*
- 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 graded study (or equivalent) in the programme. In all other cases, the grade point average or equivalent will be calculated over the entirety of the programme.*