University of Auckland Faculty of Engineering Doctoral Scholarships

Description

These Scholarships were established in 2018 and are funded by the Faculty of Engineering. The intention of the scholarships is to encourage and support academically excellent students to undertake full-time doctoral study on an agreed topic in the Faculty of Engineering.

Selection process

- A Selection Committee assesses potential candidates
- Nomination is made to Council via the School of Graduate Studies
- The Scholarship is awarded by the University of Auckland on the recommendation of the Faculty of Engineering

Regulations

1. The Scholarships shall be known as the University of Auckland Faculty of Engineering Doctoral Scholarships.
2. Up to five Scholarships will be awarded annually, for up to 36 months, and will comprise a tax-free stipend of up to $27,600 per annum, with an annual cost of living adjustment to the stipend value. In additional, compulsory tuition fees will be covered for up to 36 months for all domestic students and for international students who are eligible to study under the domestic fees policy. International students will also receive compulsory international student health cover. Part-time students will be paid pro-rata for up to 72 months (see Notes II-IV).
3. Students will be considered for a University of Auckland Faculty of Engineering Doctoral Scholarship at the time of application to the doctoral programme only. Students who have already begun their doctoral programme are not eligible for consideration for a University of Auckland Faculty of Engineering Doctoral Scholarship.
4. The Scholarships may be awarded for full-time enrolment in the Degree of Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) in the Faculty of Engineering. The Scholarships may also be available to students for whom socially compelling reasons make part-time enrolment preferable (see Note IV).
5. The Scholarships are tenable by domestic and international students who are paying domestic fees.
I. Students who have been offered a scholarship must meet all requirements for admission to their intended programme in order to take up the scholarship offer.

II. Compulsory fees are those only 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 eligible 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 purpose of conducting research.

IV. Recipients of a University of Auckland Faculty of Engineering Doctoral Scholarship are normally required to be enrolled on a full-time basis. However, domestic students for who 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), impairment(s) or disabilities. Applicants will not be granted permission to hold a University of Auckland Faculty of Engineering Doctoral Scholarship on a part-time basis if they wish to undertake full-time paid employment 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.

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. Domestic and international students are required to either a) enrol and begin their studies within 3 and within 6 months respectively of their unconditional offer in the programme or b) in exceptional circumstances, have obtained approval from the Board of Graduate Studies for a delayed take up time. PhD enrolments and scholarship payments must commence on the first of the month.

VII. 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 status. The Dean may, with the support of the Selection Committee, in the event it can be established that a recipient of the Scholarship is not complying with these regulations, suspend or terminate the Scholarship and require repayment of the funds received from the date of the breach.

VIII. Paid work that is undertaken as 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.

IX. These regulations are subject to Senate and Council approval.