

University of Auckland Fulbright Scholarship

Code:	293
Faculty:	All
Applicable study:	Approved Masters or PhD
Closing date:	12 December 2021
Tenure:	For Masters up to 12 months; for PhD up to 2 years
For:	Enabling Fulbright Award winners to complete degrees at the University of Auckland
Number on offer:	Up to three
Offer rate:	Annually
Value:	Up to \$28,500 pa for 2021 for Doctoral and up to \$15,000 for Masters, plus compulsory fees and international health insurance

Description

The Scholarship was established by the University of Auckland Council in 1995 and is intended to encourage and facilitate study for approved postgraduate degrees at the University of Auckland by candidates already selected to hold Fulbright Awards. As a Fulbright Award fully supports a candidate for the first year, the Scholarship is intended to enable Fulbright Award winners to complete degrees at the University of Auckland.

Selection process

- Application is made to the Scholarships Office. Recommendation from Supervisor is required
- 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 will be known as the University of Auckland Fulbright Scholarship.
2. Up to three Scholarships will be available each year. These will be offered to selected candidates who have taken up Fulbright Awards and who intend to enrol full-time at the University of Auckland in the second year of an approved Masters degree of the second or third year of a PhD.
3. In the case of a Masters student, the Scholarship will provide a tax-free stipend of up to \$15,000 for up to 12 months. In addition, compulsory tuition fees and compulsory international student health cover will be covered for up to 12 months. Payment will commence from the first anniversary of the date of the original enrolment.
4. In the case of a PhD candidate, the Scholarship will provide a tax-free stipend of up to \$28,500 in 2021 per annum for up to 24 months. In addition, compulsory tuition fees and compulsory international student health cover will be covered for up to 24 months. Payment will commence from the first anniversary of the date of registration. A further six months of scholarship funding, subject to Scholarships Committee approval, may be available.
5. The Scholarship is tenable by students who are citizens of the United States of America. PhD candidates must be eligible to study under the domestic fees policy (see Note II).
6. The basis of selection will be academic merit; a letter of application describing current academic progress and future

academic plans; the quality and relevance of the candidate's research to the University of Auckland; endorsement from the prospective supervisor and confirmation from Fulbright. Matters that may be considered in relation to academic merit may include, but are not limited to, academic record, standing of awarding institution, academic references, CV, research, publication record. Where a completed programme with a grade point equivalent (GPE) is the basis for entry to the masters or doctoral programme, a candidate must have a GPE of 7.00 or above in that programme to be eligible for scholarship consideration (see Notes III to IV).

7. The Scholarship will be awarded by the University of Auckland Council on the recommendation of a Selection Committee comprising the Vice-Chancellor (or nominee), the Chair of the Scholarships Committee (or nominee) and the Executive Director of the New Zealand United States Education Foundation (or nominee).
8. To comply with the full-time study requirement in Regulation 2, 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 (see Note V).
9. A Scholarship will automatically cease to be available to a student who, through withdrawal or failure to meet any programme requirements, is no longer eligible to pursue the programme of study for which the Scholarship has been offered.
10. A University of Auckland Fulbright Scholarship may not be held concurrently with a University of Auckland Doctoral Scholarship. However, it may be held concurrently with any other scholarship, award or grant where the Regulations for that scholarship, award or grant permit, and where the University of Auckland Council is informed and approves, up to an additional maximum of 75% of the stipend value of the University of Auckland Fulbright Scholarship. If the stipend value exceeds 75% of the University of Auckland Fulbright Scholarship stipend value, the emolument for the University of Auckland Fulbright Scholarship will be reduced to limit the co-tenured stipend value to 75% of the University of Auckland Fulbright Scholarship stipend value. It is the responsibility of the recipient 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.
11. The University of Auckland Council has the power to terminate or suspend a Scholarship if it receives a report of unsatisfactory progress of a Scholar from the recipient's Head of Department.
12. The University of Auckland Council has the power to amend or vary these Regulations provided that there is no departure from the main purpose of the Scholarship.
13. Application is made to the Scholarships Office by 11 December in the year preceding the award.
14. Notes [I]-[VII] below are deemed to be regulations.

Notes

- I. *Compulsory fees are only those related to the masters or PhD programme, plus Student Services Fee. In addition, the single student Health Insurance compulsory charge (as detailed on the tuition fees invoice) may be covered by the Scholarship for the duration of the Scholarship.*
- II. *To be eligible to pay domestic PhD fees, 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.*
- III. *For the purposes of a masters programme, the most recent qualifying programme is defined as the most recently completed programme of study that qualifies the applicant for entry to the masters 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.*
- IV. *For the purposes of a PhD programme, where the qualifying programme is an undergraduate honours degree (or equivalent undergraduate degree or integrated undergraduate and postgraduate degree), the GPA/GPE will be calculated over the final two years of full-time graded study (or equivalent) in the programme. In all other cases, the GPA/GPE will be calculated over the entirety of the programme.*
- V. *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.

- VI. 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 to assist the awardee with living costs while studying. Failure to comply with this regulation will result in the termination of the Scholarship.*
- VII. Recipients of a University of Auckland Fulbright 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 or funding status. The University of Auckland may, in the event that it can be established that a recipient of a University of Auckland Fulbright Scholarship is not complying with these regulations, terminate the Scholarship and require repayment of the funds received from the date of the breach.*