

University of Auckland Law School's Dean's Doctoral Scholarship

Code:	865
Faculty:	Law
Applicable study:	PhD at the University of Auckland Faculty of Law
Closing date:	No application required
Tenure:	Up to three years
For:	Assistance
Number on offer:	Up to five
Offer rate:	Annually
Value:	Up to \$28,200pa in 2020, domestic PhD fees and Health Insurance (if applicable)

Description

The Scholarship was established in 2016 and is funded by the Faculty of Law.

The intention of the Scholarship is to encourage and support academically excellent students to undertake full-time doctoral study on an agreed topic in the Faculty of Law.

Selection process

- A Selection Committee assesses potential candidates
- 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 Law School's Dean's Doctoral Scholarship.
2. Up to five Scholarships will be awarded annually, depending on funding availability, for a period of up to three years, and will comprise a tax-free 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, or a contribution towards international fees of the equivalent sum, and compulsory international student health insurance, where applicable. Part-time students will be paid pro-rata for up to 72 months.
3. Recipients may also be offered employment as a Research Assistant or Graduate Teaching Assistant with the Faculty of Law (see Regulation 10 and Note III).
4. The Scholarship will be awarded to new applicants applying for admission to a PhD at the University of Auckland Faculty of Law. Students already enrolled in a PhD at the University of Auckland Faculty of Law are not eligible for consideration for this Scholarship.
5. To take up the Scholarship, recipients must be enrolled in a PhD at the University of Auckland Faculty of Law and undertaking research on an agreed topic.

6. The Scholarship is tenable by domestic and international students.
7. The basis of selection will be academic merit, the quality and nature of the research proposal and the strength of the doctoral application as a whole. 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) in that programme to be eligible for scholarship 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).
8. Domestic and international students will be required to enrol and begin within 3 and within 6 months respectively of the date of their unconditional programme offer, otherwise the scholarship offer will lapse (see Note VI). Awardees must also meet all requirements of their admission and scholarship offer before any payments will be made.
9. 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).
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 V and VIII).
11. The Scholarship will be awarded by the University of Auckland Council upon the recommendation of a Selection Committee comprising the Dean of the Faculty of Law (or nominee), the Associate Dean (Postgraduate) (or nominee) and the Director of Doctoral Studies (or nominee).
12. 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, they 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% of the University of Auckland Law School's Dean's Doctoral Scholarship stipend value, the emolument for the University of Auckland Law School's Dean's Doctoral Scholarship will be reduced to limit the additional co-tenured stipend value to 75% of the University of Auckland Law School's Dean's Doctoral Scholarship stipend value.
13. The University of Auckland Council, in consultation with the Dean of the Faculty of Law, has the power to terminate or suspend a Scholarship if it receives a report of unsatisfactory progress of a Scholar from the Faculty's Associate Dean (Postgraduate), Head of Department or Thesis Supervisor.
14. The University of Auckland Council is not obliged to make an award if in any year there is no candidate of sufficient merit.
15. The University of Auckland Council has the power to amend or vary these Regulations, in consultation with the Dean of the Faculty of Law, provided that there is no departure from the main purpose of the Scholarship.
16. Notes [I]-[IX] below are deemed to be regulations.

Notes

- I. *Compulsory fees are those only related to the relevant Doctoral study, plus Student Services Fee.*
- II. *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 purposes of conducting research.*
- III. *Recipients may by application be offered an opportunity to contribute to the Law School's research agenda as a Research Assistant (RA) or teaching programme as a Graduate Teaching Assistant (GTA). 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.*
- IV. *Where the most recent 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 most recent qualifying programme.

- V. Recipients of a University of Auckland Law School's 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 study preferable may apply to hold the 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 Law School's Dean's 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.
- 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. Recipients of a University of Auckland Law School's Dean's Doctoral 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, 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.
- 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. Scholarship holders must, in their third year, give a public presentation of their research in the Law School if requested. Failure to present is sufficient cause for the Dean of the Faculty of Law to exercise discretionary power to terminate or suspend the Scholarship.