University of Auckland Learning, Development and Professional Practice (LDPP) Masters Award

**Code:** 721  
**Faculty:** Education and Social Work  
**Applicable study:** Thesis in MEd, MEdLd, MA (Education), or MProfStuds (Education) in the Faculty of Education and Social Work, School of Learning, Development and Professional Practice  
**Closing date:** 13 September  
**Tenure:** One year  
**For:** Assistance  
**Number on offer:** Up to three  
**Offer rate:** Annually  
**Value:** Up to $2,000pa

**Description**

The Award was established in 2012 and is funded by the Faculty of Education and Social Work, School of Learning, Development and Professional Practice (LDPP).

The main purpose of the Award is to recognise and support outstanding international and domestic masters candidates in postgraduate research to promote a culture of research within LDPP.

**Selection process**

- Application is made to the Scholarships Office  
- A Selection Committee assesses the applications  
- The Award is made by the University of Auckland Council on the recommendation of the Selection Committee

**Regulations**

1. The Award shall be known as the University of Auckland Learning, Development and Professional Practice (LDPP) Masters Award.  
2. Up to three Awards of up to $2,000 each will be made annually for a period of one year.  
3. To take up and be paid the Award the recipient must have paid the fees, or arranged to pay the fees, for full-time or part-time enrolment in an Education thesis in either a Master of Education (MEd), Master of Educational Leadership (MEdLd), Master of Arts (MA) in Education or a Master of Professional Studies (MProfStuds) in Education at the University of Auckland, Faculty of Education and Social Work, and have a main supervisor who has their primary academic position in the School of Learning, Development and Professional Practice (LDPP). A scholar may only hold the Award once.  
4. The Award is tenable by domestic and international students.  
5. The basis of selection will be academic merit as measured by the grade point average (GPA) or the grade point
equivalent (GPE) obtained in the applicant's most recent qualifying programme, the quality of the proposed research topic, potential to contribute to the discipline and endorsement by the main supervisor. Applicants must have a GPA/GPE of 7.00 (6.50 for Māori and Pacific candidates) in their most recent qualifying programme to be eligible for award consideration (see Note I).

6. The Award will be made by the University of Auckland Council upon the recommendation of a Selection Committee comprising the Head of the School of LDPP (or nominee), the Chair of the LDPP Postgraduate Committee (or nominee) and one other academic member of the LDPP Postgraduate Committee (or nominee) (see Note II).

7. The Award will be paid in one lump sum.

8. The Award may be held concurrently 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.

9. The University of Auckland Council is not obliged to make an award if in any year there is no candidate of sufficient merit.

10. 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 Award.

11. Applications close with the Scholarships Office on 13 September in the year preceding the award.

12. Notes [I]-[IV] below are deemed to be regulations.

Notes

I. The most recent qualifying programme is defined as the most recently completed programme of study that qualifies the applicant for the masters programme for which they are applying. Where the qualifying 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. Where the most recently completed programme is a Transitional Certificate, the qualifying programme is the Transitional Certificate and the most recently completed prior degree.

II. The recipient will be required to submit a short report of their academic progress to the LDPP Postgraduate Committee at the end of the 12 month term.

III. Payments under the terms of this Award remain tax-free as long as they are used directly for the payment of costs associated with an awardee’s programme of study. Failure to comply with this regulation will result in the termination of the Award.

IV. Recipients of a University of Auckland Learning, Development and Professional Practice (LDPP) Masters Award will be required to give undertakings that they will comply with the regulations for the Award 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 Learning, Development and Professional Practice (LDPP) Masters Award is not complying with these regulations, terminate the Award and require repayment of the funds received.