University of Auckland Marsden Grant Masters Scholarship in the Sociology of Energy and Environment

**Description**

This Scholarship was established in 2018 and is funded by a Marsden Grant awarded to an academic staff member from the School of Social Sciences in the Faculty of Arts at the University of Auckland.

The main purpose of the Scholarship is to encourage and support a Masters student in the Faculty of Arts at the University of Auckland to undertake research that advances our understanding of energy systems as social systems, embedded in entire ways of life. The Marsden researchers are interested in the Christchurch rebuild following the earthquakes: How do we build back better? Can energy systems help us transition to a more robust, future-proof and sustainable society? The research will also detail Indigenous modes of energy provision and Indigenous notions of sustainability.

**Selection process**

- Application is made to the Scholarships Office
- 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 Marsden Grant Masters Scholarship in the Sociology of Energy and Environment.
2. One Scholarship will be awarded, for a period of up to one year, and will comprise a tax-free stipend of up to $17,000 and a compulsory tuition fees credit of up to $6,500 (see Note II).
3. The Scholarship may be awarded only to an international or domestic student who is enrolling full-time at the University of Auckland in the thesis year of a Master of Arts in Sociology and undertaking research into the sociology of energy and environment and who meets all the requirements of these regulations.
4. The basis of selection will be academic merit as assessed by the grade point average (GPA) or grade point
equivalent (GPE) calculated over the most recent qualifying programme, and the quality and nature of the applicant’s research proposal. The successful candidate will have a minimum GPA/GPE of 7.00 (6.50 for Māori and Pacific candidates) (see Note III). Strategic factors relating to capacity-building in emerging Māori scholars may also be taken into consideration.

5. The Scholarship will be awarded by the University of Auckland Council upon the recommendation of a Selection Committee comprising the Principal Investigator, the Head of the School of Social Sciences (or nominee) and an academic staff member from the disciplinary area of Sociology nominated by the Head of the School of Social Sciences.

6. The Scholarship will be paid as a fortnightly stipend and a compulsory fees credit from the third week of the first semester of enrolment.

7. To take up the Scholarship, awardees must be enrolled in the thesis year of their masters programme by the start of the next available semester after the date of their confirmed offer otherwise their Scholarship offer will lapse.

8. The Scholarship will be tenable for one year or until the date for completion of the requirements for the degree as specified in the relevant regulations, whichever is sooner. To avoid doubt, a student cannot remain in receipt of this Scholarship when enrolled in an extension.

9. The Scholarship may be not be held concurrently with a University of Auckland Research Masters Scholarship, a University of Auckland Māori Postgraduate Scholarship, a University of Auckland Pacific Postgraduate Scholarship or a Faculty of Arts Masters/Honours/PGDip Scholarship. However, it may be held with any other award or grant as long as a) the terms of that award or grant permit and b) the University of Auckland Council is informed and approves.

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 year during the tenure of this Scholarship.

11. The University of Auckland Council has the power to terminate or suspend a Scholarship if it receives an unsatisfactory report on the progress of a Scholar from the Associate Dean (Postgraduate) of the Faculty of Arts.

12. The University of Auckland Council is not obliged to make an award if there is no candidate of sufficient merit.

13. The University of Auckland has the power to amend or vary these Regulations, in consultation with the Principal Investigator, provided that there is no departure from the main purpose of the Scholarship.

14. Applications close with the Scholarships Office on 2 July in the year of the award.

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

Notes

I. Further information about the project and possible topics can be obtained from the Principal Investigator – Associate Professor Steve Matthewman – s.matthewman@auckland.ac.nz.

II. Compulsory fees are only those related to the relevant programme of study, plus Student Services Fee.

III. The most recent qualifying programme is defined as the most recently completed programme of study that qualifies the applicant for entry to the research 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.

IV. Recipients of a University of Auckland Marsden Grant Masters Scholarship in the Sociology of Energy and Environment 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 a University of Auckland Marsden Grant Masters Scholarship in the Sociology of Energy and Environment is not complying with these regulations, terminate the Scholarship and require repayment of the funds received from the date of the breach.