

# University of Auckland Pacific Postgraduate Scholarship

<b>Code:</b>	829
<b>Faculty:</b>	All
<b>Applicable study:</b>	Masters/Honours/PG Diplomas (see Reg.3)
<b>Closing date:</b>	By nomination
<b>Tenure:</b>	Duration of programme (see Note IX)
<b>For:</b>	Assistance with study
<b>Number on offer:</b>	Varies
<b>Offer rate:</b>	Each semester
<b>Value:</b>	Up to \$13,655 pa in 2023 plus compulsory fees (see Reg. 2 and Note VII)

## Description

The Scholarship is offered each semester to domestic Pacific students enrolled in any masters or postgraduate level Bachelors (Honours) degree, or any Postgraduate Diploma.

Students will be assessed for scholarship eligibility when their application for postgraduate admission to Waipapa Taumata Rau | University of Auckland is approved. To be awarded this Scholarship, applicants must have obtained their most recent qualifying programme at a recognised university and have achieved a GPA of 7.50 or above in that programme.

## Selection process

- The Scholarship is awarded by the University of Auckland Council on the recommendation of the Scholarships Committee

## Regulations

1. The Scholarship shall be known as the University of Auckland Pacific Postgraduate Scholarship.
2. The Scholarship will comprise a stipend of up to \$13,655 pa in 2023 paid in fortnightly instalments, plus compulsory fees for the programme (see Notes X to XII). Payments and tenure will be pro-rated for part-time students (see Note VI).
3. The Scholarship will be offered each semester to students who meet all the requirements of these regulations and enrol full-time at Waipapa Taumata Rau | University of Auckland in a masters degree, a postgraduate Bachelors (Honours) degree or in a Postgraduate Diploma (see Notes I and II). The Scholarship may also be available to students who meet all the requirements of these regulations and for whom socially compelling reasons make part-time enrolment preferable (see Note VI). Students cannot be considered for the Scholarship for a programme they have already commenced.
4. The Scholarship is tenable by Pacific students who are citizens or permanent residents of New Zealand who have completed their most recent qualifying programme at a recognised university (see Notes III to V).
5. The basis of selection is academic merit, measured by the grade point average (GPA) assessed over the applicant's

most recent qualifying programme (see Notes IV to V). A GPA of 7.50 or above in the applicant's most recent qualifying programme is required for the award of a Scholarship.

6. The Scholarship will be awarded by the University of Auckland Council on the recommendation of the Scholarships Committee.
7. To take up the Scholarship, awardees must have enrolled in a masters or postgraduate Bachelors (Honours) degree or in a Postgraduate Diploma by the next available semester after the date of their confirmed offer, otherwise their scholarship offer will lapse.
8. The Scholarship shall be tenable until the date for completion of the requirements for the degree or diploma as specified in the applicable programme Regulations (see Notes X to XII). Fortnightly payments shall commence in the first semester of enrolment, as soon as is practical after confirmation of the awardee's enrolment (that is, after the final date on which a student may add or delete courses without incurring a late enrolment fee). Masters recipients who commence their programme in December will receive their stipend payments as soon as is practical after confirmation of the awardee's enrolment in December.
9. 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 (See Notes VI and VIII).
10. When a student, 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, the Scholarship shall be terminated. A student enrolled in a 240 or 300 point programme must achieve a GPA of 7.50 or above in the first 120 or 180 points of the programme respectively in order to retain the Scholarship. A student enrolled in a 360 point programme must achieve a GPA of 7.50 or above in each of the first two years of equivalent full-time study in the programme in order to retain the Scholarship.
11. A Scholarship may be terminated by the University of Auckland Council on receipt of a report of unsatisfactory academic progress from the student's Head of Department or School.
12. A University of Auckland Pacific Postgraduate Scholarship may be held 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. It is the responsibility of the awardee 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. If the value of the additional co-tenured stipends exceeds 75% of the value of the University of Auckland Pacific Postgraduate Scholarship stipend, the emolument for the University of Auckland Pacific Postgraduate Scholarship will be reduced to limit the value of the additional co-tenured stipends to 75% of the University of Auckland Pacific Postgraduate Scholarship stipend (see Notes I and VIII to XI).
13. The University of Auckland Council is not obliged to make an award if it is determined there is no candidate that meets the criteria and/or no candidate of sufficient merit.
14. The University of Auckland Council can amend or vary these regulations provided that there is no departure from the main purpose of the Scholarship.
15. Regulations [I]-[XIV] below are deemed to be regulations.

## Notes

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- I. *A student who has been a recipient of a University of Auckland Māori and Pacific Masters/Honours/PGDip Scholarship or a University of Auckland Pacific Postgraduate Scholarship and who is applying for entry to a second postgraduate programme may be eligible to hold the Scholarship again, provided that the student is advancing from a Postgraduate Diploma or a Bachelors (Honours) degree to a masters degree. A student who has been the recipient of a University of Auckland Māori Postgraduate Scholarship is not eligible to hold a University of Auckland Pacific Postgraduate Scholarship.*
- II. *LLB (Hons), BE(Hons) or BFA(Hons) and any other undergraduate level Honours degrees are not approved degrees for the purposes of this Scholarship unless noted below. Graduate Diplomas and PG Certificates are not approved programmes for the purposes of this Scholarship. The Scholarship may be awarded for a BAdvSci(Hons) only where the student would be eligible to apply for admission as a BSc(Hons) student, but will not require the*

student to change their degree (see Notes IV to V).

- III. *Pacific students are defined as citizens or permanent residents of New Zealand who are of indigenous Pacific descent from any of the following islands: Samoa, American Samoa, Tonga, Cook Islands, Niue, Tokelau, Fiji (iTaukei), Rotuma, Solomon Islands, Vanuatu, New Caledonia, Papua New Guinea, Kiribati, Tuvalu, Palau, Marshall Islands, Federated States of Micronesia, Wallis and Futuna, Hawaii, French Polynesia, Rapanui (Easter Island), Pitcairn Islands, Nauru, Guam, Northern Mariana Islands.*
- IV. *Except in the case of the BMedSc(Hons) and, subject to Note II, the BAdvSci(Hons) (see Note V), the most recent qualifying programme is defined as the most recently completed programme of study that qualifies the applicant for entry to the postgraduate programme for which they are applying. In the case of the BMedSc(Hons), the qualifying programme is always the first three years of full-time equivalent study in the MBChB or equivalent degree. 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. Where a bridging programme, including a Transitional Certificate, Graduate Diploma or Certificate of Proficiency, is required to qualify the applicant for entry to the postgraduate programme for which they are applying or are currently enrolled, the qualifying programme is the bridging programme and the most recently completed prior programme.*
- V. *In the case of the BAdvSci(Hons), eligibility will be assessed as the cumulative GPA calculated over the BAdvSci(Hons) programme. To be eligible for consideration, the candidate must only be enrolling in honours level courses in the year of the award. In the case of BAdvSci(Hons) conjoint students, the candidate must only be enrolling in honours level BAdvSci(Hons) courses in the year of the award.*
- VI. *Awardees are normally required to be enrolled on a full-time basis. However, students for whom socially compelling reasons make part-time enrolment 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 / whānau member; or b) medical condition(s), impairment(s) or disabilities. Applicants will not be granted permission to hold a University of Auckland Pacific Postgraduate Scholarship on a part-time basis if they wish to undertake full-time paid employment or substantial part-time employment. Students who hold the 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 9 and Note VII) 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.*
- VII. *Payments under the terms of this Scholarship remain tax-free as long as they are used directly for the payment of costs associated with an awardee's programme of study and/or to assist the awardee with living costs while studying. Failure to comply with this regulation will result in the termination of the Scholarship.*
- VIII. *Awardees will be required to comply with the regulations for the Scholarship and must notify the Scholarships Office of any change in their enrolment, employment or funding status. Waipapa Taumata Rau | University of Auckland may, in the event it can be established that an awardee is not complying with these regulations, terminate the Scholarship and require repayment of the funds received from the date of the breach.*
- IX. *The University of Auckland Pacific Postgraduate Scholarship stipend will be reduced by the amount the additional value (excluding compulsory tuition fees) exceeds \$10,241.25, which is 75% of the 2023 value of the University of Auckland Pacific Postgraduate Scholarship stipend.*
- X. *In exceptional circumstances (such as illness, injury or events beyond the control of the student) and upon submission by the student of appropriate evidence, the Scholarship may be deferred during tenure for a maximum of one year in total, following written approval by the Manager, Scholarships Office.*
- XI. *The stipend value must not exceed \$13,655 per 120 points of enrolment, pro-rated for enrolment in 180 and 300 point programmes.*
- XII. *A student cannot remain in receipt of this Scholarship while enrolled in an extension.*
- XIII. *Only those students who submit their applications by the official closing date for the programme are guaranteed consideration for the Scholarship.*
- XIV. *The tax-free status of this Scholarship is under current legislation. The University of Auckland cannot guarantee this*

*tax-free outcome.*