

# University of Auckland Senior Health Research Scholarship

<b>Code:</b>	382
<b>Faculty:</b>	Liggins Institute Medical & Health Sciences
<b>Applicable study:</b>	Degree of Doctor of Philosophy or MD in the Faculty of Medical and Health Sciences or Liggins Institute
<b>Closing date:</b>	No application required
<b>Tenure:</b>	Up to 36 months (pro-rated for part-time students) (See Reg. 8 & 9)
<b>For:</b>	Domestic and domestic fee-paying international students who have worked for at least three years as a health professional
<b>Number on offer:</b>	Up to three
<b>Offer rate:</b>	Annually
<b>Value:</b>	Up to \$40,000 p.a. + compulsory fees

## Description

The main purpose of the Scholarship is to provide financial support so that health professionals can return to the University to study for a doctorate in health related areas.

## Selection process

- The basis of selection will be academic merit and quality of the research proposal
- The Scholarship is awarded by the University of Auckland Council on the recommendation of a selection committee appointed by the Dean of the Faculty of Medical and Health Sciences and the Director of the Liggins Institute

## Regulations

1. The Scholarship shall be known as the University of Auckland Senior Health Research Scholarship.
2. Each Scholarship will provide a tax-free stipend of up to \$40,000 per annum plus compulsory tuition fees and international student health insurance (if applicable), for up to 36 months (see regulation 10 and Note III). Part-time students shall be paid pro-rata for up to 72 months.
3. Up to three Scholarships shall be awarded annually to new students enrolling full-time in the Degree of Doctor of Philosophy or Doctor of Medicine in the Faculty of Medical and Health Sciences or the Liggins Institute. The Scholarship may also be available to domestic students for whom socially compelling reasons make part-time enrolment preferable (see Note V).
4. Awardees must have worked as a health professional for at least three years in order to be eligible for consideration for this scholarship (see Note II).
5. The Scholarship is tenable by domestic and international students who are paying domestic fees (see Note IV).
6. Candidates will be considered for the award of a University of Auckland Senior Health Research Scholarship at the time of application to the doctoral programme only. Students who have already been admitted to their doctoral programme are not eligible for consideration for a University of Auckland Senior Health Research Scholarship (see Notes X, XI, XII).

7. The Scholarship will be awarded by the University of Auckland Council on the recommendation of a Selection Committee appointed by the Dean of the Faculty of Medical and Health Sciences and the Director of the Liggins Institute.
8. Awarding will be based on academic merit and any other factors the selection committee considers relevant in the circumstances. Matters that may be considered by the Selection Committee in relation to academic merit include, but are not limited to, academic record, standing of awarding institution, academic references, cv, research and publication record.
9. Where a qualifying programme is the basis for entry to the doctoral programme, the GPA/E for that qualifying programme must be 7.00 or above in order for a candidate to be eligible for scholarship consideration by the Selection Committee (see Notes VI and VII).
10. The University of Auckland Senior Health Research Scholarship will provide support for up to 36 months of study and payments will commence from the doctoral enrolment date. A further six months of scholarship funding, subject to Scholarships Committee approval, may be available. These durations should be pro-rated for part-time scholarship awardees (see Note V).
11. 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 XVII and XVIII).
12. A University of Auckland Senior Health Research Scholarship may not be held concurrently with any other doctoral scholarship funded by the University of Auckland (including scholarships funded by faculties), or with any postgraduate scholarship awarded by the Universities New Zealand Committee, Tertiary Education Commission, New Zealand Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade, Asian Development Bank, Education New Zealand or any other New Zealand government or foreign government-funded scholarships. However, it 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 so approves, up to an additional maximum of 75% of the University of Auckland Senior Health Research Scholarship. If the value of the co-tenured scholarship exceeds 75% of the University of Auckland Senior Health Research Scholarship stipend value, the emolument for the University of Auckland Senior Health Research Scholarship will be reduced to limit the additional co-tenured stipend value to 75% of the University of Auckland Senior Health Research Scholarship stipend value.
13. A Scholarship may be terminated by the University of Auckland Council should it receive a report from the Board of Graduate Studies that a candidate's academic progress is unsatisfactory.
14. Notes [I] - [XIX] below are deemed to be Regulations.

## Notes

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- I. *Students who have been offered a scholarship must meet all requirements for admission into their intended programme to take up the scholarship offer.*
- II. *These Scholarships are awarded to suitably qualified health professionals such as medical graduates, clinical psychologists, nurses and other clinical researchers with research ability, background training and expertise in fields relevant to clinical research. "Worked as a health professional for at least three years" means to have been registered as a health professional for three years or more and to have been working in a clinical setting i.e. assessing and delivering health care over at least three years of that time.*
- III. *Compulsory fees are those only related to the relevant Doctoral study, plus Student Services Fee. In addition, for international students, the single student Health Insurance compulsory charge (as detailed on the tuition fees invoice) is covered by the Scholarship for the duration of the scholarship.*
- IV. *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.*
- V. *Recipients of a University of Auckland Senior Health Research 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 a scholarship on a part-time basis pro-rated. Socially compelling reasons include a)*

carer responsibilities for: pre-school and/or school-aged children; and 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 Senior Health Research 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 11 and Note XVII) 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. A qualifying programme is an individual programme that satisfies Regulations 2a and 2b of the relevant doctoral regulations.
- VII. To avoid doubts candidates without a qualifying programme GPA/E remain eligible for consideration for this scholarship.
- VIII. Awardees are required to take up their scholarship by 1 December in the year of the award, or the scholarship offer will lapse. PhD enrolments and scholarship payments must commence on the first of the month.
- IX. A further six month's scholarship funding, subject to Scholarships Committee approval, may be available to those PhD students who have held a University of Auckland Senior Health Research Scholarship. Extensions are not normally available for students undertaking a 360 point doctoral programme unless there are significant extenuating circumstances.
- X. The Scholarship will not cover any bridging programmes.
- XI. Students who have been offered a University of Auckland Senior Health Research Scholarship, and decline an offer of place, are eligible to be considered for both admission and a scholarship again at a later date provided they have not enrolled in a doctorate at the University and held some other doctoral scholarship at the University in the interim. Students who have commenced payment for a University of Auckland Senior Health Research Scholarship are not eligible to hold a subsequent University of Auckland Senior Health Research Scholarship.
- XII. A student who has previously terminated a University of Auckland Senior Health Research Scholarship for health reasons may apply in writing to the Scholarships Committee for consideration to receive the remaining balance of the scholarship, up to the maximum allowable tenure to support completion of their doctoral programme.
- XIII. Students who have already commenced payment may defer their University of Auckland Senior Health Research Scholarship for up to one year in total during their tenure of the scholarship provided they do not hold some other doctoral scholarship in the interim.
- XIV. Students who transfer from a masters to a doctoral degree will be assessed for this Scholarship, provided they commenced their masters on or after 1 January 2016. This decision will be made at the same time as their application to transfer to the PhD is considered. Students whose start date for their masters degree was prior to 1 January 2016 will not be eligible for consideration for this Scholarship. Students who transfer and are awarded the Scholarship and a) who were enrolled on a part-time basis during their masters degree, will have the tenure of their doctoral scholarship adjusted to account for the masters degree enrolment period on a full-time equivalent basis, and b) who were previously in payment of a University of Auckland Masters Research Scholarship or Māori or Pacific Graduate Scholarship, will commence payment for their University of Auckland Senior Health Research Scholarship from the date specified by the Board of Graduate Studies.
- XV. The maximum combined period of scholarship tenure for students who a) transfer from one university-funded doctoral scholarship to another, or b) terminate one doctoral degree and commence another, or c) have completed one doctoral degree and return to commence a second, shall be a total of up to 36 months with a possible extension of up to six further months, provided Regulations 8 and 9 are met. Where a masters student is approved to upgrade their partially completed degree to doctoral study and is subsequently awarded a University of Auckland Senior Health Research Scholarship, the tenure of the Scholarship will be up to 36 months from the start date of the research component of their Masters degree.
- XVI. Recipients of a University of Auckland Senior Health Research 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 a University of Auckland Senior Health Research Scholarship is not complying with

*these regulations, terminate the Scholarship and require repayment of the funds received from the date of the breach.*

- XVII. 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 a Scholarship may undertake while in receipt of this scholarship.*
- XVIII. University of Auckland Senior Health Research Scholarship holders enrolled in the University of Auckland PhD Internship Programme for three months or less, and who are undertaking an unpaid internship, may continue to receive all or part of their Scholarship, subject to Scholarships Committee approval.*
- XIX. 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. Failure to comply with this regulation will result in the termination of the Scholarship.*