University of Auckland Sub-Doctoral Postgraduate Accommodation Scholarship

Description

The Scholarship was established in 2021 and is funded by the University of Auckland. The main purpose of the Scholarship is to financially support domestic and international students enrolling in sub-doctoral postgraduate study, by providing accommodation in 2022.

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 Sub-Doctoral Postgraduate Accommodation Scholarship.
2. Up to 50 Scholarships will be awarded for up to 52 weeks and will cover the costs of accommodation in a standard room in an eligible University of Auckland managed, self-catered residence. This cost will be paid directly to the relevant Halls of Residence (see Notes I to III).
3. To be eligible for Scholarship consideration, applicants must be enrolled, or enrolling, full-time in the first semester of a postgraduate honours degree, postgraduate diploma or masters degree at the University of Auckland in 2022. A grade point average (GPA) or grade point equivalent (GPE) of at least 6.00 (5.50 for Māori and Pacific applicants) calculated over the most recent qualifying programme is required for Scholarship consideration (see Note III).
4. The Scholarship is tenable by domestic and international students.
5. The basis of selection will be academic merit as assessed as the GPA/GPE calculated over the most recent qualifying programme (see Note IV) and the quality of a personal statement outlining how an accommodation scholarship would benefit the applicant. The following criteria may also inform selection: applicants with Māori or
6. The Scholarship will be awarded by the University of Auckland Council on the recommendation of a Selection Committee comprising the Pro Vice-Chancellor (Education) (or nominee), the Dean of Graduate Studies (or nominee), and the Chair of the Scholarships Committee (or nominee).

7. To take up the Scholarship, awardees must be enrolled full-time in the first semester of a postgraduate honours degree, postgraduate diploma or masters degree at the University of Auckland (see Notes III and X).

8. To maintain the Scholarship and remain in accommodation in the second semester of study, awardees must be continuously enrolled full-time in a postgraduate honours degree, postgraduate diploma or masters degree at the University of Auckland (see Regulation 11 and Notes III and X).

9. The Scholarship may 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, a University of Auckland Postgraduate Honours/PGDiploma Scholarship, or any scholarship, award or grant that covers accommodation costs. 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 is informed and so 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 receipt of this Scholarship.

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

11. The University of Auckland Council has the power to terminate or suspend a Scholarship if it receives a report of unsatisfactory progress of a Scholar from the relevant Head of School or Department.

12. The University of Auckland can amend or vary these regulations provided that there is no departure from the main purpose of the Scholarship.

13. Applications close with the Scholarships Office on 8 December in the year preceding the award.

14. Notes [I]-[XI] below are deemed to be regulations.

Notes

I. Eligible self-catered residences include: a Studio Deluxe at 55 Symonds Street, a single room in Carlaw Park Student Village; or a single room in Te Tirohanga o te Tōangaroa.

II. Students need to make a separate application for University accommodation.

III. In the event that an awardee chooses to leave University of Auckland accommodation, the Scholarship will not be transferred to a later semester, nor the equivalent value be paid directly to the awardee or to a room account. The Scholarship must be taken up in the semester for which it was awarded and may not be exchanged in any way other than what it is intended for and for the time it is awarded.

IV. 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. Where the most recently completed programme is a conjoint programme the GPA/GPE will be calculated over the relevant component 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, the qualifying programme is the bridging programme and the most recently completed prior programme.

V. Pacific candidates 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, 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).

VI. For the purpose of this Scholarship, refugee background refers to students who have themselves or whose
parent(s)/primary guardian(s) have been granted refuge in New Zealand.

VII. For the purpose of this Scholarship, ‘first in family’ to attend university means the first member in their family including parents and siblings, to enrol at a university. Adoptive and step parents and siblings are considered part of the nuclear family where they have lived with the applicant for the previous five or more years.

VIII. For the purpose of this Scholarship, a disability refers to both visible and invisible impairments including: blind and low vision, Deaf and hearing impaired, head injury, ongoing medical conditions, diagnosed mental health conditions, physical/mobility impairments, speech impairments, Autism Spectrum Disorder, specific leaning disabilities (e.g. dyslexia, dyspraxia, dyscalculia).

IX. For the purpose of this Scholarship, a rural area is defined as an area outside the local authority boundaries of city councils in Auckland, Hamilton, Tauranga, Wellington, Porirua, Lower Hutt, Upper Hutt, Christchurch and Dunedin.

X. If a student enrols at another tertiary institution in New Zealand or overseas, the Scholarship will lapse.

XI. Payments under the terms of this Scholarship remain tax-free as long as they are used for the payment of costs associated with an awardee’s programme of study and to assist the awardee with living costs while studying. Failure to comply with this regulation will result in the termination of the Scholarship.

XII. Awardees will be required to comply with the regulations for the Scholarship and will notify the Scholarships Office of any change in their enrolment or funding status. The University of Auckland Council may, in the event that 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.

XIII. These regulations are subject to Senate and Council approval.