

University of Auckland Summer Research Scholarship

Code:	635
Faculty:	All
Applicable study:	SUMRESCH 301
Closing date:	Midnight on 5 August
Tenure:	Duration of project 400 hours (approximately 10 weeks)
For:	Assistance
Number on offer:	Varies
Offer rate:	Annually
Value:	\$6,500

Description

The Scholarship was established in 2004 and is funded by the University of Auckland. These regulations also apply to faculty and large-scale research institute, and externally funded Summer Research Scholarships that are administered by the central University of Auckland Summer Research Scholarship Scheme.

The main purpose of the Scholarship is to give current international and domestic university students an opportunity to experience research, and to thereby encourage them to pursue postgraduate study at the University of Auckland.

Selection process

- Application is made online 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 shall be known as the University of Auckland Summer Research Scholarship.
2. The University of Auckland Summer Research Scholarship provides a tax-free stipend of \$6,500 and is payable within the period of November to February inclusive. Stipends are payable in consecutive fortnightly instalments to the value of \$5,500. A further final payment of \$1,000 will be paid in one lump sum when a final report is accepted and signed off by the supervisor (see Note XI).
3. All students are required to apply for admission to the Summer Research Scholarships programme and enrol in the Summer Research course, SUMRESCH 301, and are expected to conduct a research project of approximately 10 weeks duration (400 hours) under the supervision of an academic staff member (See Notes I and II). Actual starting and finishing dates must be agreed by the supervisor.
4. The Scholarship is tenable by domestic and international students.
5. To be eligible for scholarship consideration, applicants must satisfy the requirements of regulations 6, 7, 8, 9 and 10.
6. Applicants who will have completed at least two years of equivalent full-time study in an undergraduate degree at the time of take-up of award are eligible for consideration for a University of Auckland Summer Research Scholarship,

provided that the applicant satisfies any additional study requirements or restrictions specified under Notes V to VII, and that the applicant either a) is enrolled in an undergraduate degree at a New Zealand University at the time of scholarship application, or b) is enrolled, at the time of scholarship application, in a postgraduate diploma or postgraduate Bachelor (Honours) degree at a New Zealand university as permitted under Notes III to IV, or c) was or is enrolled in an undergraduate degree at an international institution in the same calendar year as the scholarship application.

7. An applicant must have a Scholarship grade point average (GPA) or grade point equivalent (GPE) of 6.00 or above over their two most recent years of full-time study (or equivalent) to be considered for a scholarship; Māori or Pacific applicants are required to have a SGPA/GPE of 5.50 or above over their two most recent years of full-time study (or equivalent) in order to be considered for a scholarship (see Note X).
8. An applicant must have a clearly defined project and suitable supervisor willing to supervise the project. Faculties or large-scale research institutes (LSRIs) may offer a predetermined list of supervised projects or require the student to devise the project (see Note XII). Additional scholarships and/or projects may be awarded by nomination if late funding becomes available from external funders.
9. A student who has previously held a University of Auckland Summer Research Scholarship is not eligible to hold a second scholarship, except as allowed under Note VIII.
10. Externally funded scholarships may apply additional eligibility criteria as approved by the office of the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Research).
11. To be eligible to hold the scholarship, awardees must not a) be seeking employment as tutors during Summer School or be in paid employment inside the University during the tenure of their Summer Research Scholarship, or b) have commenced a masters or doctoral programme, or a taught postgraduate programme (other than those permitted under Notes III to IV), by the start date of the Summer Research Scholarship, or c) commence a masters or doctoral programme, or a taught postgraduate programme (other than those permitted under Notes III to IV), during the tenure of the scholarship or d) be completing a dissertation or thesis on an extension.
12. Awardees may undertake up to 100 hours paid work external to the University over the duration of the Scholarship (i.e. up to 10 hours per week), subject to the approval of the project supervisor.
13. The basis for selection will be academic merit measured by Scholarship GPA/GPE, University strategic recruitment priorities, applicant interest in further study and the alignment of the applicant's academic and/or professional profile with the proposed research topic. In order to assess applications, faculties or LSRIs may request supporting documentation (as detailed in any guidelines and application forms), including but not limited to CV, personal and/or project statement, and writing sample.
14. The University reserves the right to consider applicants for topics other than those nominated by the student. In all cases, only one scholarship may be awarded per student.
15. Eligible applicants will be assessed by a Selection Committee within the faculty or LSRI through which the summer research scholarship project is offered.
16. The Scholarship will be awarded by the University of Auckland Council on the recommendation of the Selection Committee in the faculty or LSRI through which the summer research scholarship project is offered.
17. Successful applicants will be required to observe the research plan and frequency of meetings as agreed with their supervisor(s) at the start of the project; failure to do so will result in forfeiture of this Scholarship.
18. An awardee will be required to be co-located in the same town as their supervisor for the period of the scholarship, except during any project-related travel.
19. Applications close with the Scholarships Office at midnight on 5 August in the year of the award.
20. Notes [I]-[XIV] below are deemed to be regulations.

Notes

- I. *Research carried out for the Summer Research Scholarship course cannot be used in any subsequent programme in which the student enrolls.*
- II. *A student may enrol in a maximum of 15 points in Summer School during the tenure of this scholarship.*

SUMRESCH 301 is a not-for-credit course and therefore does not require the payment of any tuition fee.

- III. *Postgraduate students are not eligible for consideration for scholarship projects offered through the Faculties of Engineering or Law.*
- IV. *Postgraduate students are eligible for consideration for scholarship projects offered through the LSRI's Auckland Bioengineering Institute (ABI) and the Liggins Institute, and the Faculties of Arts, Business and Economics, Creative Arts & Industries, Education & Social Work, Medical & Health Sciences, and Science only where the enrolment at the time of scholarship application is in a postgraduate Bachelor (Honours) or Postgraduate Diploma programme.*
- V. *MBChB students admitted under the graduate entry programme are eligible for consideration for this Scholarship between Year 1 and Year 2, and between Year 2 and Year 3 of the MBChB programme only. MBChB Year 3 students who have applied to enrol in the Bachelor of Medical Sciences (Honours) (BMedSci(Hons)) year for the following year are eligible for consideration; and, Year 3 students must have enrolled in the BMedSci(Hons) in order to take up and be paid the Scholarship. In all other cases, MBChB students are eligible for consideration for this Scholarship only between Year 2 and Year 3 of their degree enrolment.*
- VI. *Students are eligible for consideration for scholarship projects offered through the Faculty of Law provided they have completed a Research Paper in Lieu of an Examination (PILO), or LAW 399 Legal Research 2, or LAW 456 Supervised Research, or a 700-level course at the University of Auckland, or an equivalent course, or have a proven research record.*
- VII. *Undergraduate students are eligible for consideration for scholarship projects offered through the Faculties of Business and Economics and Creative Arts and Industries only where the student has completed at least two years of equivalent full-time undergraduate study at the time of scholarship application.*
- VIII. *Students who have previously been awarded a centrally funded, faculty funded or externally funded University of Auckland Summer Research Scholarship will not be eligible to hold a second or subsequent Summer Research Scholarship unless the second or subsequent scholarship is funded by the Auckland Bioengineering Institute (ABI), or the Faculties of Science or Medical & Health Sciences or offered through the ABI or those faculties by an external funder (see Note XII). Where the faculty or externally funded second scholarship is offered through the Faculty of Science, the student cannot work with the supervisor from the original Summer Research Scholarship.*
- IX. *In order to take up the Scholarship, international students must have a student visa for the duration of the Scholarship.*
- X. *The Scholarship GPA/GPE (SGPA/GPE) calculation will take into account all courses studied in the most recent two years of full-time study (or equivalent), including conjoint courses. Exchange study (within a New Zealand university degree) that has been undertaken at an overseas institution will be excluded, provided it does not exceed one semester. Where a semester of exchange is excluded from the calculation, the SGPA/GPE will be calculated on the most recent four full-time semesters (or equivalent) of study at a New Zealand institution.*
- XI. *Reports submitted at the end of the project and written in project working time must be the work of the student, should follow the stated report guidelines (unless the faculty or LSRI determines otherwise), and must be submitted by the deadline specified by the faculty or LSRI. The language must be aimed at a general readership, unlikely to be familiar with the terminology used in specialist academic units.*
- XII. *The list of Summer Research topics, their status as University, or faculty or LSRI, or externally funded and the submission dates for reports can be found on the University of Auckland Summer Research Scholarships webpages at www.summer.ac.nz.*
- XIII. *Responsibility for any costs incurred in the course of the research project must be clarified with the supervisor and academic unit at the time of acceptance of the Scholarship.*
- XIV. *Awardees 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 status. The University of Auckland 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.*