University of Auckland Universitas 21 Doctoral Student Mobility Scholarship

**Description**

The Scholarship was established in 2007 to support University of Auckland doctoral students who wish to undertake short term visits and placements at other Universitas 21 (U21) institutions.

**Selection process**

- Application is made to the Scholarships Office
- Scholarships Committee assesses the applications at its monthly meetings
- 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 Universitas 21 Doctoral Student Mobility Scholarship.
2. The Scholarship shall be available to students enrolled full-time or part-time at the University of Auckland who have paid the fees or have arranged to pay the fees, for the degree of Doctor of Philosophy or the research component of another approved Doctorate. Applicants must be within 36 months of their doctoral registration start date at time of application and have had their registration confirmed (see Notes I and II).
3. Up to 10 Scholarships will be offered annually and will be of the value of up to $5,000 each (see Note IV).
4. Students who have held a University of Auckland Universitas 21 Doctoral Student Mobility Scholarship are not eligible to apply again.
5. The Scholarship is tenable by domestic and international students.
6. The basis of selection will be academic merit, the quality of the student’s proposal outlining the work to be undertaken, a statement outlining how the proposed research trip will contribute to the strategic relationship between the University of Auckland and the nominated U21 University, and the expected benefits to the student’s research. Candidates will be required to provide a detailed work-plan and budget for the proposed research trip (see Notes III to V).
The Scholarship shall be awarded by the University of Auckland Council on the recommendation of the Scholarships Committee.

Applications close with the Scholarships Office on the first day of every month. Applications will be assessed at the monthly meetings of the Scholarships Committee (see Note IV).

The University of Auckland Council is not obliged to make an award in any year if there are no candidates of sufficient merit.

The Scholarship may be held concurrently with any other scholarship, award or grant as long as a) the terms of that scholarship, award or grant permit and b) the University of Auckland Council is informed and approves.

Recipients of the Scholarship shall, on their return, present a brief written report (400-600 words) reflecting on their experiences and how the visit has benefited their research, and the strategic relationship between the University of Auckland and the host U21 University.

The University of Auckland Council has the power to amend or vary these regulations provided there is no departure from the main purpose of the Scholarship.

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

I. Students will be required to provide a copy of the letter they have received from the Board of Graduate Studies confirming that they have completed their provisional period of registration.

II. Recipients of the Scholarship who are enrolled part-time in the PhD or approved Doctorate must be full-time for the month or any part of the month that they are in receipt of the Scholarship.

III. As part of the online application, Supervisors will be asked to write a statement detailing how the proposed research trip will contribute to the strategic relationship between the University of Auckland and the nominated U21 University.

IV. Students are advised to apply for the Scholarship at least 4-6 months before their planned trip.

V. The Scholarship does not include a budget for food expenses, and is intended to support travel and research costs.

VI. 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 the proposed research trip. Failure to comply with this regulation will result in the termination of the Scholarship.

VII. Recipients of a University of Auckland Universitas 21 Doctoral Mobility 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 or funding status. The University of Auckland may, in the event that it can be established that a recipient of a University of Auckland Universitas 21 Doctoral Mobility Scholarship is not complying with these regulations, terminate the Scholarship and require repayment of the funds received.