William Chick Doctoral Scholarship in Architecture

Description

The William Chick Doctoral Scholarship in Architecture was established in 2002 from the William Chick Scholarship Trust to assist students undertaking a course of study for a professional qualification in the practice of Architecture to undertake postgraduate study. William Chick desired to give students an opportunity to broaden their studies in New Zealand and overseas and be able to bring the knowledge and experience into their practice of architecture in New Zealand.

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 shall be known as the William Chick Doctoral Scholarship in Architecture.
2. One Scholarship shall be awarded annually for a period of up to 36 months, and will comprise a stipend of up to $27,000 per annum. Part-time students will be paid pro-rata for up to 72 months (see Note III).
3. To be eligible for Scholarship consideration, applicants must i) be a citizen or permanent resident of New Zealand, ii) be a graduate with a professional qualification in architecture from a New Zealand institution situated north of Huntly (see Note I), iii) have met the requirements for entry to the PhD at the University of Auckland, and iv) be enrolled, or enrolling, full-time in a PhD in Architecture at the University of Auckland or be enrolled, or enrolling, at an approved overseas institution for the degree of Doctor of Philosophy in Architecture. The Scholarship may also be available to students for whom socially compelling reasons make part-time enrolment preferable (see Note III). Where a completed programme with a grade point average (GPA) or grade point equivalent (GPE) is the basis for entry to the doctoral programme, applicants must have a GPA/GPE of 6.00 or above (5.50 for Māori and Pacific applicants) in that programme to be eligible for Scholarship consideration.
4. The basis of selection shall be academic merit and the quality and nature of the research proposal. Matters that may be considered in relation to academic merit include, but are not limited to, a first-class academic record, standing of...
The Scholarship will be awarded by the University of Auckland Council on the recommendation of a Selection Committee comprising the Head of the School of Architecture and Planning (or nominee), the PhD Adviser for Architecture (or nominee) and the Trustee (or nominee).

To be paid the Scholarship, awardees must be either i) enrolled in a PhD in Architecture at the University of Auckland, or ii) enrolled in a Doctor of Philosophy in Architecture at an approved overseas institution.

The Scholarship will provide support for up to 36 months of study and payment will commence from the enrolment date. A further six months of funding, subject to Scholarships Committee approval, may be available. These durations shall be pro-rated for part-time Scholarship awardees (see Note III).

To comply with the full-time study requirement in Regulation 3, 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 (see Note III).

The William Chick Doctoral Scholarship in Architecture may not be held concurrently with a University of Auckland Doctoral Scholarship but may be held with any other scholarship, award or grant as long as the regulations for that scholarship, award or grant permit and 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.

The University of Auckland Council, in consultation with the Trustee, has the power to terminate or suspend a Scholarship if it receives a report of unsatisfactory progress of a Scholar from the Head of the School of Architecture and Planning.

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.

The University of Auckland Council can amend or vary these Regulations, in consultation with the Trustee, provided that there is no departure from the main purpose of the Scholarship.

Applications close with the Scholarships Office on 21 November in the year preceding the award.

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

Notes

I. Graduates with a BArch or a MArch(Prof) or equivalent from a New Zealand institution situated north of Huntly, or an architect who is registered with the New Zealand Registered Architects Board may hold the Scholarship.

II. Where the qualifying programme is an undergraduate honours degree (or equivalent undergraduate degree or integrated undergraduate and postgraduate degree), the grade point average or equivalent will be calculated over the final two years of full-time study (or equivalent) in the programme. In all other cases, the grade point average or equivalent will be calculated over the entirety of the qualifying programme.

III. Awardees are normally required to be enrolled on a full-time basis. However, recipients for whom socially compelling reasons make part-time enrolment 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; an invalid or disabled family / whanau member; or b) medical condition(s), impairment(s) or disabilities. Applicants will not be granted permission to hold a William Chick Doctoral Scholarship in Architecture 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; 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.

IV. 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.

V. Awardees will be required to 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 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.