Woolf Fisher Trust Postgraduate Scholarship

**Description**

The Scholarship was established in 2016 and is funded by the Woolf Fisher Trust.

The main purpose of the Scholarship is to recognise and encourage postgraduate students, including those holding current teaching positions, who have demonstrated interest and expertise in science and mathematics teaching at primary school level, by supporting them to complete a Bachelor of Education (Honours) degree or Postgraduate Certificate in Education, specialising in primary school science and mathematics teaching in the Faculty of Education and Social Work.

**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 Woolf Fisher Trust Postgraduate Scholarship.
2. Scholarships will be awarded annually for a period of one year and will be of the value of up to $12,500 each, including compulsory tuition fees (see Notes I to II).
3. The Scholarship will be awarded to candidates who have paid the fees, or arranged to pay the fees, for full-time enrolment in a Bachelor of Education (Teaching) (Honours) (BEd(Tchg)(Hons)) or for full-time or part-time enrolment in a Postgraduate Certificate in Education (PGCertEd) in the Faculty of Education and Social Work at the University of Auckland.
4. The Scholarship is tenable by domestic students only.
5. The basis of selection will be academic achievement; evidence of ability and interest in mathematics and science teaching; and evidence of exemplary performance on practicum and/or as a teacher (see Notes III to IV).
6. The Scholarship will be paid as a compulsory fees credit in each semester of enrolment. Remaining funds will be paid in a lump sum in the third week of the second semester of enrolment (see Notes I, II and V).
7. The Scholarship will be awarded by the University of Auckland Council upon the recommendation of a Selection Committee comprising the Dean of the Faculty of Education and Social Work (or nominee), Head of Initial Teacher Education of the Faculty of Education and Social Work (or nominee), and a representative from the Woolf Fisher Research Centre.

8. 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 Head of Department in which the recipient is enrolled.

9. 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.

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

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

12. Applications close with the Scholarships Office on 15 September in the year preceding the award and 11 January in the year of the award.

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

Notes

I. Compulsory tuition fees are only those related to the relevant programme of study, plus Student Services Fee.

II. Students enrolled in a BEd(Tchg)(Hons) may be awarded up to $12,500 including compulsory tuition fees. Students enrolled in a PGCertEd may be awarded up to $6,250 including compulsory tuition fees.

III. For the purposes of this Scholarship, academic merit for students enrolled in a BEd(Tchg)(Hons) will be assessed by the grade point average (GPA) or grade point equivalent (GPE) obtained over the qualifying programme for entry to the BEd(Tchg)(Hons). A GPA/GPE of 6.00 is required for consideration for the Scholarship.

IV. For the purposes of this Scholarship, academic merit for students enrolling in the PGCertEd will be assessed by the GPA/GPE obtained over the qualifying programme for entry to the PGCertEd. A GPA/GPE of 4.00 is required to consideration for the Scholarship.

V. In the event a student is enrolled full-time in the PGCertEd, payment of the remaining funds will be made in the third week of the semester in which the student is enrolled.

VI. Payment 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.

VII. Recipients of a Woolf Fisher Trust Postgraduate 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 Woolf Fisher Trust Postgraduate Scholarship is not complying with these Regulations, terminate the Scholarship and require repayment of the funds received from the date of the breach.