Young Ocean Explorers’ Scholarship

**Code:** 1073  
**Faculty:** Education & Social Work  
Science  
**Applicable study:** Masters thesis  
**Closing date:** 25 January  
**Tenure:** One year  
**For:** Assistance with study  
**Number on offer:** One  
**Offer rate:** One-off  
**Value:** Tuition fees

**Description**

The Scholarship was established in 2020 and is funded by Young Ocean Explorers, an organisation dedicated to inspiring children to love and care for our oceans through educational resources.

The intention of the Scholarship is to encourage and support a student to undertake a masters thesis in the Faculty of Education and Social Work or the Faculty of Science at the University of Auckland that will develop and implement a research process to identify and analyse the educational benefits of a new environmental education programme (The 21 Day Challenge) for primary students.

**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 Young Ocean Explorers’ Scholarship.  
2. One Scholarship will be awarded for a period of up to one year and will cover the costs of compulsory tuition fees (See Note II).  
3. The Scholarship may be awarded to students who meet all the requirements of these regulations and enrol full-time in a 90 point or 120 point masters thesis in the Faculty of Education and Social Work or the Faculty of Science at the University of Auckland, undertaking research in and implementation of an environmental education programme for young people (see Notes I and IV).  
4. The Scholarship are tenable by a domestic or international student.  
5. The basis of selection will be academic merit as assessed by the grade point average (GPA) or grade point equivalent (GPE) calculated over the most recent qualifying programme and the relevance of the proposed research to the aims of Young Ocean Explorers. The successful candidate will have a minimum GPA/GPE of 7.00 (6.50 for
Māori and Pacific candidates) in their most recent qualifying programme for study (see Note III).

6. 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), one member of Academic Staff from the School of Curriculum and Pedagogy in the Faculty of Education and Social Work nominated by the Dean of the Faculty of Education and Social Work, and one representative of the donor.

7. Payment will be made as a tuition fees credit in each semester of enrolment.

8. The Young Ocean Explorers’ Scholarship may not be held with a University of Auckland Research Masters Scholarship, a University of Auckland Pacific Postgraduate Scholarship or a University of Auckland Māori Postgraduate Scholarship. 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 approves. It is the responsibility of the recipient 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.

9. The University of Auckland Council, in consultation with the donor, has the power to terminate or suspend a Scholarship if it receives a report of unsatisfactory progress of a Scholar from the Associate Dean (Postgraduate Research) of the Faculty of Education and Social Work or the Faculty of Science.

10. The University of Auckland Council has the power to amend or vary these Regulations, in consultation with the donor, provided that there is no departure from the main purpose of the Scholarship.

11. Applications close with the Scholarships Office on 25 January in the year of the award.

12. Notes [I] – [V] below are deemed to be Regulations.

Notes

I. Information about possible research topics can be obtained from Dr Sally Birdsall s.birdsall@auckland.ac.nz.

II. Information on the Young Ocean Explorers 21 Day Challenge programme can be found at: https://www.youngoceanexplorers.com/yoe/challenge/996974842952

IV. The recipient of the Scholarship will work alongside Young Ocean Explorers to implement the 21 Day Challenge educational programme from 8 February 2021 to 8 March 2021 to enable 21 days of learning, thinking, creating and action to engage and empower students to care for the Hauraki Gulf Marine Park or their local moana.

VI. The most recent qualifying programme is defined as the most recently completed programme of study that qualifies the applicant for entry to the masters 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 is 60 points. Where the most recently completed programme is a Transitional Certificate, the qualifying programme is the Transitional Certificate and the most recently completed prior degree.

VIII. Recipients of a Young Ocean Explorers’ 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, employment or funding status. The University of Auckland may, in the event that it can be established that a recipient of a Young Ocean Explorers’ Scholarship is not complying with these regulations, terminate the Scholarship and require repayment of the funds received from the date of the breach.