

The University of Auckland Pacific Postgraduate Scholarships

Code:	827
Faculty:	All
Applicable study:	Masters/Honours/PG Diplomas (see Reg.3 and Note iii)
Closing date:	By nomination
Tenure:	Up to 1 year
For:	Assistance
Number on offer:	Varies
Offer rate:	Annually
Value:	Up to \$13,000 pa plus compulsory fees (see Reg 2) and Note vii)

Scholarship description

These Scholarships are offered annually to domestic Pacific students enrolled in any Masters or postgraduate level Bachelors (Honours) degree, or any Postgraduate Diploma. These regulations apply to enrolments commencing on or after 1 January 2016.

Students will be assessed for scholarship eligibility when their application for postgraduate admission to the University of Auckland is approved. To be awarded this scholarship, applicants must have obtained their most recent qualifying programme at a recognised university and have achieved a GPA of 7.50 or above in that programme.

Selection process

- The Scholarships are awarded by the University of Auckland Council on the recommendation of the Scholarships Sub-Committee

Regulations

1. The Scholarships shall be known as The University of Auckland Pacific Postgraduate Scholarships.
2. The Scholarships will comprise a stipend of up to \$13,000 pa paid in fortnightly instalments, plus compulsory fees for the programme (see Notes vii and viii). Payments and tenure will be pro-rated for part-time students (see Note iv).
3. The Scholarships will be offered each semester to students who enrol full-time at the University of Auckland in a Masters degree, a postgraduate Bachelors (Honours) degree or in a Postgraduate Diploma (see Notes i and ii). The scholarships may also be available to students for whom socially compelling reasons make part-time enrolment preferable (see Note iv).
4. The Scholarships are tenable by Pacific students who are citizens or permanent residents of New Zealand who have completed their most recent qualifying programme at a recognised university.
5. The basis of selection is academic merit, measured by the grade point average (GPA) assessed over the applicant's most recent qualifying programme (see Note iii).
6. Applicants will be awarded by the University of Auckland Council on the recommendation of the Scholarships Sub-

Committee. Applicants with a GPA of 7.50 or above will be awarded this Scholarship subject to Notes i and ix, and Regulation 4.

7. To take up the scholarship, awardees must have enrolled in a Masters or postgraduate Bachelors (Honours) degree or in a Postgraduate Diploma by the next available semester after the date of their confirmed offer, otherwise their scholarship offer will lapse.
8. Scholarships shall be tenable until the date for completion of the requirements for the degree or diploma as specified in the applicable programme Regulations (see Notes vii and viii). Fortnightly payments shall commence from Week 3 of the initial semester of programme enrolment. Masters recipients who commence their programme in December will receive their stipend payments from the third week of December.
9. 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 during the tenure of this Scholarship (See Notes iv and v).
10. When a student, through withdrawal or failure to meet any programme requirements, is no longer eligible to pursue the programme of study for which the Scholarship has been offered, the Scholarship shall be terminated. A student enrolled in a 240 or 300 point programme must achieve a GPA of 7.5 or above in the first 120 or 180 points of the programme respectively in order to retain the scholarship. A student enrolled in a 360 point programme must achieve a GPA of 7.5 or above in each of the first two years of equivalent full-time study in the programme in order to retain the scholarship.
11. A Scholarship may be terminated by the University of Auckland Council on receipt of an unsatisfactory academic progress report from the student's Head of Department.
12. A University of Auckland Pacific Postgraduate Scholarship may be held with any other study award or grant where the Regulations for that award or grant permit and where the University of Auckland Council so approves. If the value of the additional co-tenured stipends exceeds 75% of the stipend value of The University of Auckland Maori Postgraduate Scholarship, the emolument for The University of Auckland Maori Postgraduate Scholarships will be reduced to limit the value of the additional co-tenured stipends to 75% (see Note v).

Notes

- I. *A student who has been a recipient of a University of Auckland Maori and Pacific Masters/Honours/PGDip Scholarship or a University of Auckland Pacific Postgraduate Scholarship and who is applying for entry to a second postgraduate programme may be eligible to hold the Scholarship again, provided that the student is advancing from a Postgraduate Diploma or a Bachelors (Honours) degree to a Masters degree. A student who has been the recipient of a University of Auckland Maori Postgraduate Scholarship is not eligible to hold a University of Auckland Pacific Postgraduate Scholarship.*
- II. *LLB (Hons), BE(Hons) or BFA(Hons) and any other undergraduate level Honours degrees are not approved degrees for the purposes of these scholarships. Graduate Diplomas and PG Certificates are not approved programmes for the purposes of this scholarship.*
- III. *The most recent qualifying programme is defined as the most recently completed programme of study that qualifies the applicant for entry to the postgraduate programme for which they are applying.*
- IV. *Recipients of the University of Auckland Pacific Postgraduate Scholarships are normally required to be enrolled on a full-time basis. However, students 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 schoolaged 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 University of Auckland Pacific Postgraduate Scholarship 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; refer Regulation 9 and Note v) 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.*
- V. *Recipients of University of Auckland Pacific Postgraduate Scholarships 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 it can be established that a recipient of a University of Auckland Maori Postgraduate Scholarship is not complying with these regulations, terminate the Scholarship and require repayment of the funds received from the date of the breach.

- VI. In exceptional circumstances (such as illness, injury or events beyond the control of the student) and upon submission by the student of appropriate evidence, the scholarship may be deferred during tenure for a maximum of one year in total, following written approval by the Manager, Scholarships Office.*
- VII. The stipend value must not exceed \$13,000 per 120 points of enrolment, pro-rated for enrolment in 180 and 300 point programmes.*
- VIII. A student cannot remain in receipt of this Scholarship while enrolled in an extension.*
- IX. Only those students who submit their applications by the official closing date for the programme are guaranteed consideration for a scholarship.*