

# Massey University Doctoral Scholarship

## Scholarship Regulations

### **Focus**

Doctoral research

### **Level of Study**

Doctoral

### **Purpose**

Massey University Doctoral Scholarships are offered to encourage doctoral research. The scholarships are open to New Zealand and international students and are awarded on the basis of academic excellence and strategic research priorities.

There are scholarships for full-time and part-time candidates enrolled in the Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) or a professional doctorate at Massey University. There are also named scholarships for Māori and Pacific doctoral candidates.

### **Value and Tenure**

The value of a doctoral scholarship will be a stipend of \$30,000 per annum and payment of tuition and non-tuition fees to a maximum of 36 months of full-time study.

Part-time study will include a stipend of \$18,000 per annum and payment of tuition and non-tuition fees to a maximum of 60 months. Tuition fees will be paid at the domestic rate for the doctoral course only.

Additional coursework undertaken during the candidature is not covered by this scholarship. This includes coursework undertaken during the provisional registration year that is required for the confirmation event.

The tenure of a doctoral scholarship will commence in the award year for up to a maximum of 36 months for full-time candidates and 60 months for part-time candidates.

### **Typical Number on Offer**

To be determined

## **Eligibility**

Applicants should have a conditional or unconditional admission offer of place in a doctoral programme at Massey University or be enrolled within the first 12 months of a doctoral degree at the time of application closing date. Full-time and part-time candidates are eligible to apply.

## **Selection Criteria**

Consideration will normally be given to applicants with a grade average of A- (7.0 on a nine-point scale) or equivalent. Applicants must also demonstrate that their research aligns with the strategic priorities of the University, College, and research supervisor(s).

## **Selection Committee**

The scholarship is awarded by the University Scholarships Advisory Committee (USAC), which includes cross-representation for the University.

College-based selection committees will evaluate, rank and recommend candidates to the USAC for the award of the scholarship. Each College selection committee should include the College representative on the USAC, as well as academic staff with responsibilities for doctoral education (including professional doctorates), research leadership and supervision. Cultural representation is expected, particularly to ensure Māori engagement in the selection process. The make-up of College selection committees is approved by the Chair of the USAC.

In recommending the award of the scholarship, the selection committee may take into account other scholarships and bursaries held by the applicant.

The USAC has the right to refrain from making an award if a candidate does not demonstrate high academic standing or strategic alignment. The University Scholarships Advisory Committee's decision is final.

## **Conditions of the Scholarship**

Awardees are required to be enrolled in their approved course of research as a full-time or part-time candidate at Massey University. Candidates should advise the USAC of changes to candidacy, including suspensions from study, changes to part-time or full-time status, or withdrawal from studies.

For applicants who are enrolled at the time of application and have had periods of approved suspension, the suspension time will not be calculated as part of the first 12 months of enrolment.

Recipients must be based in NZ for the tenure of their scholarship.

Doctoral scholarships may be terminated or suspended at any time at the discretion of the USAC for the following reasons:

- lack of satisfactory academic progress in the candidate's approved programme of research, or,
- breach by the candidate of any of Massey University's rules or regulations.

Doctoral scholarships may be held in conjunction with other scholarships, bursaries, awards and prizes, up to the value of \$25,000 per annum. The doctoral scholarship will reduce commensurably with co-tenure above \$25,000 per annum.

Candidates who are employed to undertake research that contributes to the doctoral degree may not be eligible for the full award at the discretion of USAC.

Full-time candidates in receipt of a doctoral scholarship are expected to engage in 40-50 hours per week of study, but may be employed on a part-time basis of up to 500 hours per annum. Part-time candidates in receipt of a doctoral scholarship are expected to engage in 20-30 hours per week of study, but may be employed up to 1500 hours per annum.

Candidates who change enrolment from part-time to full-time or visa-versa must inform the USAC who will consider each application on a case-by-case basis. Candidates are only eligible for the sum total of the scholarship (\$90,000). A change in status does not guarantee a continuation of the scholarship.

Medical and travel insurance for international students is not included in the value of this scholarship.

Applications close on 1 July for the following year tenure.

Recipients are expected to be enrolled no later than 1 March of the year following the award.