

Massey University Alumni Doctoral Scholarship

Scholarship Regulations

Focus

Massey Graduates

Level of Study

Doctoral

Purpose

Massey University Alumni Doctoral Scholarships support Massey graduates to undertake doctoral research. The scholarships are awarded on the basis of academic excellence and strategic research priorities, and are open to students who have completed study at Massey University.

There are scholarships for full-time and part-time candidates enrolled in the Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) or our named doctorates. There are also scholarships for Māori and Pacific doctoral candidates.

Value and Tenure

The value of an Alumni 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 confirmation of registration.

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 must:

- have graduated with a degree (undergraduate or postgraduate) from Massey University
- 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

International and domestic, 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 New Zealand for the tenure of their scholarship, but may apply from outside of New Zealand.

Doctoral scholarships may be rescinded 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.

Lack of satisfactory progress includes failure to complete all 6-monthly reports in a timely and fulsome manner, and an inability to pass the Confirmation of Registration event within expected timeframes. Suspension or termination of the scholarship due to a lack of progress will be determined by the USAC Chair.

This scholarship may not be held in conjunction with the Massey University Doctoral Scholarship, Massey University Māori Doctoral Scholarship, or the Massey University Pacific Doctoral Scholarship, but 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 1000 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.

The scholarship will cease upon submission of the thesis for examination or upon withdrawal from the approved programme, regardless of the remaining tenure of the award. Recipients are not eligible for funding post-submission for examination or following a withdrawal and the scholarship cannot be transferred to another institution.

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

Applications close on 1 February for the current year tenure. Tenure of the scholarship can only begin post-selection and will not be back-dated.

Recipients are expected to be enrolled no later than 1 June in the year of award.