

Pūtea Tautoko - Doctoral Financial Support Grant

Grant Regulations

Focus

Doctoral, Financial Hardship

Level of Study

Doctoral

Purpose

The Pūtea Tautoko Doctoral Financial Support Grant provides financial support to enrolled doctoral students who are experiencing exceptional financial hardship due to an unexpected event or unforeseen set of circumstances.

Background

The grant was established by Massey University with combined funds donated by the Massey University Foundation and doctoral examiners who have contributed their examination fee to this fund.

Value and Tenure

The value of the grant is based on individual circumstances and is up to the value of \$3,000.

The grant is paid in one instalment, following approval of the grant.

Typical Number on Offer

Multiple grants are offered each year.

Eligibility

Applicants must:

- be enrolled in a doctoral degree at Massey University
- have made satisfactory research progress as assessed by their supervisor and demonstrated through a reference letter and in the six-monthly reports
- not be on suspension at the time the grant is paid
- not be on extension

- not have submitted their thesis for examination.

Applicants are expected to have applied for and/or sought funding support from other sources (e.g., student association, StudyLink, government organisations) before applying for this grant.

Selection Criteria

The selection criterion is provision of evidence of exceptional financial hardship caused by an unforeseen set of circumstances such as, but not limited to, illness, job loss, injury, family loss, or natural disaster. Expected events which may cause ongoing financial burden such as payment of fees, accommodation and day to day living expenses are not considered exceptional circumstances.

Selection Committee

The grant is awarded by the University Scholarships Committee, which includes representation from the Deputy Vice Chancellor, Māori; Dean, Pacific; and Deputy Vice Chancellor, Students and Global Engagement.

Conditions of the Scholarship

The grant may be held in conjunction with other scholarships, bursaries or awards, so long as those scholarships, bursaries, or awards permit co-tenure.

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

Successful applicants can only be awarded this grant once.