

# AUT Faculty of Business, Economics and Law

## PhD Scholarship (Accounting)



**Closing date: 1 October**

The purpose of the PhD Scholarship in Accounting is to support postgraduate research study and to provide the student with the possible experience as teaching and/or research assistant. These scholarships are funded by Faculty and are offered to full-time students on a contestable basis.

### AMOUNT AND TYPE OF AWARD

- The Awards are available to full-time postgraduate students for up to three years. The total number of awards offered in any academic year will be determined by available funds. Recipients will receive all components of the award.
- The AUT PhD Accounting Scholarship will consist of:
  - An award stipend: an amount paid as a tax-free scholarship for living costs while enrolled in a postgraduate qualification at AUT University. This is valued at \$19,000 per annum (subject to annual review). The stipend will be payable in monthly instalments.
  - Domestic Tuition Fee equivalent and Student Services Levy for the term of the Award.
  - The possibility of employment as a teaching and/or research assistant, in the department, for the term of the award under a separate employment contract (see Conditions of Award).
- Renewal of the scholarship is conditional on satisfactory performance in the degree programme and in any teaching and/or research assistant role (if applicable). To be considered for renewal recipients will be expected to submit six monthly progress reports (PGR8) and to transition from provisional to full registration (PGR9) within six to nine months (no later than 12 months). If either the study or any work component is not satisfactory the full award will be forfeit.

### TENURE

- The duration of the PhD in Accounting Scholarship is for up to three years renewable annually based on satisfactory progress in the doctoral degree.
- The University has the power to terminate or suspend the award if it receives an unsatisfactory report on the progress of the recipient's postgraduate studies from the Programme Director.

### ELIGIBILITY

- Open to New Zealand citizens, permanent residents and International students.
- Applicants must be enrolled during the entire term of the Award. If applicants are not already enrolled, application for admission must be completed and submitted to:
  - The relevant Faculty postgraduate office (for new domestic students enrolling in a research postgraduate programme)
  - International Admissions [phdadmissions@aut.ac.nz](mailto:phdadmissions@aut.ac.nz) (for international PhD students enrolling in a research postgraduate programme)
- International students must ensure that their student Visa permits employment.

### APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

Applicants will enroll through the AUT online Scholarship application portal and will upload:

- A brief curriculum vitae (CV)

- Academic transcripts for any previous tertiary study completed at a university other than AUT University
- A brief outline of the applicant's research proposal (no more than 3 pages including references)

## CRITERIA

All applications will be assessed using the following criteria:

- The quality of the research studies; and
- The likely contribution to the overall research goals of the department (or equivalent);
- Evidence of academic and research capability; and
- Applicability and suitability for teaching deployment.

## CONDITIONS OF AWARD

1. Recipients will be selected by a Faculty Selection Panel including the Dean of the Faculty or nominee and one other senior academic as appropriate.
2. The decision of the Faculty Selection Panel is final. Should the Panel be of the opinion that there is no suitable applicant no award will be made.
3. The PhD in Accounting Scholarship is conditional on the student enrolling full-time in a Doctorate, programme.
4. The scholarship may not be held with the Vice Chancellor's PhD Scholarship or with any fees scholarship.
5. The recipient may hold additional non-tuition fee-based scholarships with the approval of the Dean of the Faculty and if the conditions of the additional scholarship allow it.
6. If employment is available to the recipient during the tenure of the award then:
  - a. The recipient may be employed for up to twelve hours a week as a teaching or research assistant *inclusive* of preparation and marking time.
  - b. An hourly paid Employment Agreement will be in place to cover the agreed number of hours of work. Emolument will be as per the current AUT Hourly Paid Teaching & Research Assistant pay scale (Appendix 1).
  - c. The terms and conditions of employment will be in accordance with the Academic Collective agreement as it applies to Teaching & Research Assistants. Regular evaluations will be carried out, along with at least one observation of the recipient operating in the classroom if the assistant position includes teaching.
7. Recipients who choose to withdraw from AUT or from the programme during their appointment must notify their department head and the Faculty department in charge of administering the Scholarship in writing. Written notification of the intent to withdraw from the employment must be received four weeks in advance.
8. The recipient must be enrolled full time and their total employment commitment, including employment within AUT University and external to AUT, is not to exceed 15 hours per week.