

Health Research Council PhD Scholarship – ARC Stroke Study

CLOSING DATE: 30 July 2022

PURPOSE

The Health Research Council (HRC) funded stipend is to fund a student to conduct a PhD study within the HRC funded Auckland Regional Community Stroke study, led by Professor Feigin at the National Institute for Stroke and Applied Neurosciences. The purpose of the funding is to enhance workforce development for early career research in public health and epidemiology, particularly for Māori or Pacific researchers. The stipend can be utilised towards a programme of study in the area of stroke prevention, burden and stroke outcomes across all domains of health and wellbeing, including ethnic specific research to advance the health of Māori and Pacific peoples. The PhD may employ quantitative, qualitative or mixed methods research.

AMOUNT AND TYPE OF AWARD

\$30,000 per annum stipend (paid in monthly instalments).

TENURE

PhD scholarship is three years (subject to satisfactory progress). The expected start date is August 2022.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

- Applicants must have completed a Bachelors (Honours) or Masters degree in a health or science related discipline.
- The successful candidate will demonstrate enthusiasm, have a strong academic record and be prepared to conduct the doctoral study at Auckland University of Technology (AUT).
- Preference will be given to a Māori or Pacific candidate with an interest in advancing the health of Māori or Pacific communities, and those with a strong interest in developing an academic career within an academic research institute.
- Good communication skills in written and spoken English are essential.
- Applying for a scholarship and admission into AUT are separate processes at AUT. Applicants must fulfil all conditions for admission to the Doctoral Programme in AUT. These can be found on the AUT website <https://www.aut.ac.nz/courses/doctor-of-philosophy>.
- Applicants must be eligible to study in New Zealand and be available for the duration of the scholarship.

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

Applicants must apply by email to Associate Professor Rita Krishnamurthi (rita.krishnamurthi@aut.ac.nz) attaching:

- A cover letter highlighting your research interests and experience.
- A brief (no more than 2 pages) curriculum vitae.

SELECTION PROCESS

Selection will be based on the applicant meeting AUT's entry criteria for PhD study, a review of the applicant's CV, and the outcome of an in-person informal interview with the panel.

CONDITIONS OF ACCEPTANCE AND APPOINTMENT

- The successful applicant will be required to sign an AUT Research Scholarship Contract.
- The scholarship must be taken up no later than August 2022.
- The stipend cannot be released until the successful applicant is enrolled in the PhD programme at AUT.
- The successful applicant must be prepared to commit full-time to their programme of research.
- This scholarship may not be held in conjunction with any other scholarship without the approval of the selection panel and the Scholarships Office.
- The decision regarding whether permission is granted for the recipient to undertake paid employment, is at the sole discretion of the University. The recipient must apply to the University Scholarships Committee through the Head of the Scholarships Office for approval to undertake any paid employment during the tenure of this scholarship.
- Recipients must reside in New Zealand to receive stipend payments. Stipends will not be paid to students living off-shore. Reasonable annual holiday leave overseas of no more than four weeks is acceptable.
- Scholarships payments will not be made retrospectively.
- Recipients must notify the School and the Scholarships Office in writing if they wish to apply for a Leave of Absence or withdraw from their programme.