



HOPE FOUNDATION

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HOPE FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIPS FOR RESEARCH ON AGEING

CLOSING DATE: 31 OCTOBER

The HOPE Foundation Scholarships are intended to support University students in the early stages of their careers conducting research into ageing.

The HOPE Foundation for Research on Ageing is a non-Government funded Charitable Trust established to prepare New Zealand for an ageing future. The mission of the HOPE Foundation is to:

- Lead and resource the funding of people doing research on ageing
- Disseminate research-based information about the effects of ageing on individuals and society
- Develop the pool of researchers in New Zealand
- Influence decision-makers to improve the quality of life for older New Zealanders

The HOPE Foundation seeks to encourage research into ageing phenomena both at the individual and societal level, because they believe that as the nation ages, many issues will arise that will have to be addressed in order to assist New Zealand society to cope with the effects of our ageing population. In this way, the Foundation wants to help prepare New Zealand for an ageing future. The Scholarships were offered at Auckland University of Technology (AUT) for the first time for study from 2014 and are funded by the HOPE Foundation and their sponsors.

AMOUNT AND TYPE OF AWARD

- The value of the scholarship is \$6,000
- One scholarship will be awarded annually. The Scholarship will be paid in two instalments, at the beginning of each semester.

TENURE

- Each scholarship will be awarded for a period of one year.

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

- Completion of the online AUT Scholarship Application Form.
- A brief (no more than two pages) outline of the proposed research.
- Evidence that ethical approval for the proposed research has been applied for or approved.
- The application form is to be accompanied by a photo of the applicant for the Foundations' use for publicity purposes.
- Academic transcript(s) for any previous tertiary study that was completed at a university other than AUT.

- Applications must be submitted online via the AUT Scholarship Application portal by 31 October of the year preceding the anticipated award.

CRITERIA

All applicants for these scholarships must:

- Be New Zealand citizens or permanent residents. There is discretion to also consider applications from international students of merit, who are currently enrolled and doing postgraduate research study onshore at a New Zealand University.
- Be enrolled and have paid the fees, or arranged to pay the fees, for a full-time or part-time master's thesis/dissertation, or doctoral thesis at AUT on a topic related to ageing. Applications will be accepted from a wide range of disciplines in line with the HOPE Foundation's philosophy of encouraging eclectic research into ageing and its effects on individuals and society.

CONDITIONS OF SELECTION

The successful applicant(s) will be selected by a Standing Committee established by the HOPE Foundation. The basis of selection will include:

- the quality of the proposed research,
- the perceived relevance of the research to the ageing population and the overall goals of The HOPE Foundation, and
- the academic merit of the applicant. Academic merit will be measured on the grade point average assessed over the applicant's two most recent years of equivalent full-time study.

If the Committee in any year considers applicants are not of sufficient merit, the scholarship will not be awarded.

CONDITIONS OF AWARD

- Successful recipients will be expected to report progress to the HOPE Foundation at the end of each year of support and to provide a final report of the finished research.
- Recipients will be expected to acknowledge support of the HOPE Foundation in any publication, report or presentation that results from the research.
- The Foundation will not restrict the publication of research results by the recipient of a scholarship. However, from time to time, in order to enhance its own public profile as a research-supporting entity, the Foundation will negotiate with recipients the publication of reports on their research and the final report of finished research in some agreed form.

RENEWAL CONDITIONS

This scholarship is available only for the current academic year.

Current scholars who wish to apply for grant renewal must do so through the Scholarships Office with a letter addressed to the HOPE Foundation by the **31 October** deadline. The application must include a progress report on the project to date written by the applicant and endorsed by the supervisor. The HOPE Foundation selection committee will then judge whether a further scholarship is awarded, taking into consideration other applications at the time and funding.

HOPE Foundation Scholarship CHECK LIST

Have you included:

- Your signature, name, email address and phone number
- Your supervisor's signature, name, Department and list of her/his publications on ageing
- Budget and how the grant will be spent
- Points Grade Average for last two years provided by you or your Scholarships office – please ask the scholarships Office if you require to have this calculated.
- Has ethics approval been granted or is it being sought.
- Your qualifications and awards to date and any previous research on ageing
- Intended post graduate degree
- A brief description of the research proposal – **no more than three pages**
- Name and contact details for two referees-one could be your supervisor
- How the research meets the objectives of the HOPE Foundation for Research on Ageing

It is not necessary to include a photo, but one will be requested, for publicity purposes, if your application is successful.

This is a list of information required by the HOPE Foundation Selection Committee. Your University may have additional requirements.