



LINCOLN UNIVERSITY DOCTORAL SCHOLARSHIPS

REGULATIONS

1. Purpose

Lincoln University Doctoral Scholarships are awarded for the purpose of supporting postgraduate study and research at Lincoln University.

2. Number

The number of scholarships to be awarded in any year shall be determined by the Vice-Chancellor.

3. Eligibility

- (1) Scholarships will be open to applicants who have gained entrance into a Doctor of Philosophy at Lincoln University.
- (2) If a candidate awarded a scholarship under 3(1) above does not become eligible to register for Doctor of Philosophy at Lincoln University by 1 March in the year following the award, then the award will lapse.
- (3) Applicants must be new to the Lincoln University Doctoral programme at the commencement of the Semester immediately following the award OR have registered for the Lincoln University Doctoral Programme no more than six months prior to the closing date of applications. Applicants in the latter category who have presented their research proposal will not normally be considered for the scholarship.

4. Selection Criteria

The scholarship will be awarded based on the following criteria:

- (1) Academic Merit

A minimum grade point average equating to an A- (80%) average is required in order to be eligible to apply for the scholarship.

- (2) Research or other relevant experience

5. Selection Committee

The scholarship shall be awarded by the Lincoln University Council on the recommendation of a Selection Committee which shall comprise:

- (1) The Convenor of the Lincoln University Scholarships Committee (or nominee)
- (2) Three other representatives on the Lincoln University Scholarships Committee representing all three faculties.

6. Tenure

The following conditions of tenure shall apply.

- (1) Every scholarship shall be tenable for a maximum of three years from the commencement date of the tenure of the scholarship, unless the candidate is already registered for a PhD as stated in 6 (3) below.
- (2) The tenure of the scholarship shall begin at the commencement of the Semester immediately following the award
- (3) Where an applicant for a scholarship has been registered for the degree of Doctor of Philosophy prior to the commencement of the scholarship, the tenure of the Scholarship shall be reduced by the period the applicant has already been registered for that degree.

7. Programme of Research

During the tenure of the scholarship, every scholar shall be enrolled as a full-time student for the degree of Doctor of Philosophy at Lincoln University.

8. Deferral/Temporary Suspension of Study

- (1) The scholar may defer commencement of the scholarship for a period of up to six months from the date of the proposed commencement provided he or she notifies the Scholarships Manager in writing of his or her intention to do so at least two weeks before the date of commencement.
- (2) Once the scholarship has commenced, the Vice-Chancellor, at his or her discretion, may grant a temporary suspension of the scholarship, without emolument, for up to one year having taken into account the scholar's circumstances and the progress of the study.

9. Payments

- (1) The value of the scholarships shall be determined by the Vice-Chancellor. The emolument shall be paid by fortnightly instalments in arrears, according to the tenure of the scholarship.

Note: The current value of the award is \$24,000 per annum.

- (2) The first payment shall be made as soon as practical after the student has registered for the degree of Doctor of Philosophy at Lincoln University.
- (3) In addition to the emolument the scholarship covers an amount equivalent to the New Zealand students' tuition fee for the degree of Doctor of Philosophy at Lincoln University, provided that Lincoln University's contribution towards fees will be reduced by an amount equal to the sum available for fees from any other scholarship received by the student up to the value of the relevant New Zealand students' tuition fee. This amount is payable annually by way of a credit in the scholar's fees account.
- (4) At the request of the scholar, the amount of the emolument may be reduced to an amount specified by the scholar.

10. Co-Tenure

- (1) Except as provided in 10 (2) and 10 (3) below a scholarship shall be tenable with any other scholarship, bursary or award unless the conditions of the other award preclude it.
- (2) A scholarship is not tenable with a Lincoln University Graduate Scholarship
- (3) Where a scholar holds other awards while also holding a Lincoln University Doctoral Scholarship, then the value of the scholarship may be reduced in circumstances to be determined by the Vice-Chancellor.

Note: (i) In the case, where the total value of the scholarship and the other awards exceed \$35,000, then the value of the emolument component of the Lincoln University Doctoral Scholarship will be reduced by \$1 for every dollar by which the value of the awards exceeds \$35,000.

11. Positions of Emolument

- (1) A scholar is expected to devote his or her whole time to study for the degree of Doctor of Philosophy.
- (2) A scholar may hold a position of emolument while receiving a scholarship provided that he or she meets the University's requirements for registration as a full-time student for the degree of Doctor of Philosophy.

Note: In order to meet the university's requirements for registration as a full-time PhD student, a scholar may work no more than ten hours per week during the academic year.

12. Extensions

- (1) Under no circumstances will an extension be granted beyond the maximum tenure of three years.

13. Reviews of Progress

- (1) The Scholarships Manager shall, in January and July of each year, request from the Dean of the Faculty in which the scholar is registered, a report on the scholar's progress.
- (2) A scholar is expected to have prepared, and have approved, a research proposal within six months of commencement of the scholarship.
- (3) If the Vice-Chancellor, at any time, is satisfied that the scholar is not diligently pursuing his or her studies; or is not complying with the conditions of the scholarship; or is not making satisfactory progress, then the Vice-Chancellor may suspend or terminate any scholarship or require the forfeiture of any proportion of the scholarship emolument.

14. Concessions

The Vice-Chancellor may relax or modify the application of any of these regulations in special circumstances or in order to avoid hardship to an incoming scholar who has been awarded this scholarship.

15. Applications

Candidates shall submit applications no later than 1 October of the year preceding the award of the scholarship. Applications will be submitted on the form provided by the Scholarships Manager.

These regulations shall take effect from 1 August 2011.