

Victoria Masters Scholarship

Information

For the purpose of encouraging postgraduate research at Victoria, the University offers scholarships to students about to commence a full-time, research-focussed Master's degree. Only those students enrolled solely for a 120 point thesis are eligible to apply. In some cases this will be Part 2 of a two-year Master's degree and will usually have the course code 591. Students who are enrolled in Master's degree programmes that have thesis or research components of less than 120 points, or who elect not to enrol for the solely by thesis option, but instead enrol in taught courses, internships, performance, portfolio, practicum, or other programme options, are eligible to apply for the Victoria Graduate Scholarships.

In 2007 up to twenty-five scholarships shall be offered, consisting of a \$15,000 stipend, plus a domestic fees waiver. International students, other than those from Australia, France and Germany, will be liable to pay the difference between the full international student fee and the domestic fee.

Applications for these scholarships must be made on the forms obtainable from the Scholarships Website: www.vuw.ac.nz/scholarships or from the Scholarships Office. Scholarship applicants must contact directly the School in which they wish to enrol so that their research proposal and the feasibility of supervision can be assessed. Enrolling as a Masters student and applying for a Victoria Masters Scholarship are two separate processes. The holding of Victoria Masters Scholarship is conditional upon the scholarship recipient gaining enrolment as a Masters student.

Applicants, other than those who have completed *all* of their study at Victoria, must include a certified copy of their academic record from other institutions with this application. Applicants whose degree has been conferred at any university other than a New Zealand University will be considered in two categories:

Category 1 - applicants from the UK, Ireland, USA, Canada, Germany or Australia must supply an original or certified copy of their university transcript.

Category 2 - applicants from any other country must have their transcript verified and assessed with a course by course evaluation by one of the below educational evaluators:

Educational Credential Evaluators [<http://www.ece.org/>](http://www.ece.org/)

National Recognition Information Centre [UK] [<http://www.naric.org.uk/>](http://www.naric.org.uk/)

All offers for Victoria Masters Scholarships will be made in late December of the year of application. Some applicants may be placed on a reserve list and will not be finally notified of the success or otherwise of their applications until as late as the end of February of the following year. *Please note if your application is unsuccessful this will be by email only.*

Applications for Victoria Masters Scholarships close 1 November 2006, and should be made to: *Scholarships Office, Office of Research and Postgraduate Study
10 Kelburn Parade, Victoria University of Wellington
P.O. Box 600, Wellington, New Zealand
Email: scholarships-office@vuw.ac.nz*



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Regulations

1. Applications are sought from those who are eligible at the time of application, or who will have become eligible within three months of application, to enrol for a Master's degree solely by thesis (120 points).
2. Applicants would normally be expected to have completed a Bachelor's degree or Master's degree Part 1 demonstrating academic achievement equivalent to a First-Class Honours degree from a New Zealand University.
3. Scholarships shall be awarded solely on the basis of academic merit by the University Scholarships Committee, a sub-committee of the University Research Committee.
4. A scholarship shall lapse in the event that the scholarship recipient fails to become eligible to enrol for the 120 point thesis component of a Masters degree within two months of being awarded the scholarship.
5. The scholarship shall be tenable for a period of up to one year except as otherwise provided in this statute.
6. The tenure of every scholarship shall commence on a date to be determined in each case by the University Scholarships Committee. The date of commencement shall normally be not later than two months after the scholarship has been accepted by the scholarship recipient.
7. The scholarship stipend shall be paid to each scholarship recipient in three equal instalments. The first such payment shall be made by the Scholarships Office as soon as practicable after confirmation of enrolment. A small allowance will be paid towards the cost of producing the thesis. The thesis allowance entitlement will lapse if it is not taken up within eighteen months.
8. Domestic tuition fees will be paid on confirmation of enrolment and the presentation of the fees assessment documentation to the Scholarships Office.
9. Approval for the co-tenure of a Victoria Masters Scholarship with other awards that total more than \$6,000 must be sought from the University Scholarships Committee. The co-tenure of other awards may result in a reduction in the value of the Victoria Masters Scholarship stipend.
10. Once the period of tenure of a scholarship has commenced, the University Scholarships Committee may, at its sole discretion, grant a scholarship recipient a deferment of their scholarship for a period of up-to six months. In most cases such a deferment will coincide with a formal suspension from their enrolment in the Masters degree.
11. A scholarship shall be terminated and the corresponding proportion of the scholarship emolument forfeited, if a scholarship recipient ceases to resume the aforesaid programme of research or advanced study within one month of the last day of the period of deferment.
12. Scholarship recipients shall be required to devote themselves full-time to their programme of research during the tenure of the scholarship and may not hold a position of emolument without the approval of the University Scholarships Committee. Approval may be given for scholarship recipients to undertake paid employment (usually tutoring) for up to a maximum of 600 hours in one calendar year.

13. Each scholarship recipient and his/her principal supervisor shall provide a progress report to the Scholarships Office six months after the commencement of the scholarship. Where progress is not satisfactory, the matter will be referred to the University Scholarships Committee.
14. The University Scholarships Committee may at any time suspend or terminate a scholarship, or require the forfeiture of such proportion of the scholarship emolument as it may determine, if the scholarship recipient is not diligently pursuing their programme of research, has violated the University Statute on Conduct, or has failed to comply with any of the terms and conditions on which the scholarship was awarded.
15. At the discretion of the University Scholarships Committee, the application of any of the terms and conditions of the Victoria Masters Scholarship may be modified or relaxed in special circumstances or in order to avoid hardship to any scholarship recipient.
16. The University Scholarships Committee shall review the terms and conditions of scholarships from time to time.