



Aho Hīnātore Accelerator Scholarship

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The UC Aho Hīnātore | Accelerator Scholarship is designed to assist the transition of the best and brightest postgraduate students in New Zealand to doctoral studies at UC.

The kupu, Aho Hīnātore, refers to luminescent light, which is a fitting name for this scholarship which aims to provide a pathway for our best and brightest current, and recently completed, students to Doctoral studies at UC.

Structure

- Anytime start between award and April 1st the following year
- A short (approx. 12 week) project
 - Paid at \$6,000 to the student - \$1,500 of which must be sourced externally or by the host department/school/faculty
 - Dedicate at least 25 hours per week to the project across a 12 week period;
 - If an international student, have a valid visa (check with Immigration NZ)
- Guaranteed funding for a PhD (up to 360pts) upon successful completion of the project
 - Must start by July 1st the following year
 - \$28,000 p/a as stipend + fees scholarship

Eligibility Criteria

- Must have the required entry criteria for their chosen PhD
 - If currently completing a thesis this must be completed and grades received prior to starting their PhD
 - If a student has a taught master's degree they can enter the PhD of their choice by successfully completing the Aho Hīnātore short project
- Currently studying at or graduated from any NZ University within the last 5 years
- Have a minimum 7.0 GPA from their qualifying degree
- Have confirmation of \$1,500 in co-funding
- Project with no students named ARE eligible
 - A student must be secured by April 1st the following year

Judging Criteria

1. Quality of the student
 - Shows ability and willingness to complete a PhD
2. Quality of the proposed course of study (both project & PhD)
 - Aligns with UC's research goals and institutional strategy
3. Quality of the supervisory team
 - Shows evidence of successful on-time completion
 - Shows evidence of capacity building

Description of Project (max 500 words) 10/25

- Does the proposed short project and subsequent PhD:
- show a clear alignment with UC's institutional strategy?
 - advancement of knowledge in the field?
 - a potential for the project to be trans-disciplinary in nature?
 - authentic engagement with UC's commitment to bicultural competence and confidence and equity goals?

Supervisory Team (max 500 words) 5/25

- Does the proposed supervisory team:
- have clear expertise in the field of study?
 - have a history of supervising research students successfully to timely completion?
 - have a composition that meets our equity and diversity goals?
 - incorporates a mentorship aspect to support emerging researchers in student supervision?

Student (max 200 words) 10/25

- Does the student:
- have a GPA > 7.0 for their last two years of study?
 - show skills, knowledge, experience, relationships or access that make them specifically suited to this project?
 - demonstrate a commitment to completing a doctoral degree?
 - Have any relevant publications

Note: While advantageous, not every criterion must be addressed in the proposal

Allocation Process

- First ranking is done by faculties
 - Each faculty is asked to rank the applications they receive
 - Maximum of 30 applications per faculty
- Rankings are passed to a central committee chaired by the DVC(R)
 - Awards are equitably distributed across faculties
 - 5 reserved for Māori and Pacific/Pasifika students
- Students informed by end of September

Application process

- All potential recipients need to complete the online application form found on the UC Scholarships website.
- Where no students are named a PDF form must be completed by the supervisory team and sent to the scholarships office
- Each section must be completed to 100% to be able to submit the application fully.
- We recommend students work closely with their supervisory team to complete the questions - it's best to answer the questions using a word document and copy/paste your answers in.
- Reference Section (for supervisors/Head of Department/School)
 - Supervisors will need to get sign-off from their Head of Department/School (budget holder) and provide an oracle code.
 - HoD/HoS also needs to sign off on the proposal.

Applications close:

19 August 2022 5:00pm (NZT)

Please contact the UC Scholarships Team if you have any questions

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