

ATTENTION SENIOR STUDENTS

ON OFFER: AN INSPIRATIONAL EXPERIENCE

Summer Research Scholarships Programme 2011/12

Purpose

The purpose of Summer Research Scholarships is to give university students, normally in their final or penultimate undergraduate year, experience in research, to encourage them to pursue postgraduate study. Students are expected to conduct a research project of approximately 10 weeks duration (400 hours) under the supervision of an academic staff member. The value of each scholarship is \$5,000.

Benefits

- Students will receive \$5,000 stipend for 400 hours of research work over the summer (December to mid February).
- Students will gain and practise research skills under individual supervision. Experiences gained in previous scholarships have included exposure to authentic case studies; participation in project meetings; practice in data collection, analysis, literature reviews, interviewing techniques, and mind mapping; learning to use specialised software; and acquiring specialist laboratory and presentation skills.
- The research experience adds significant value to students' CVs and will improve their career opportunities, in some cases even leading to a career in research.
- Previous summer students have found that the research experience improved their confidence about undertaking postgraduate studies and in many cases directed them to a potential supervisor and project.
- Some summer students have become co-authors of presentations at international conferences and articles for publication in academic journals.
- Students gain great networking opportunities with students from other courses, and enjoy extensive interactions with research staff and the international community of scholars.

Eligibility

To be eligible for a Summer Scholarship, students must have:

- Completed year two of an undergraduate degree.
- A minimum B+ average grade equivalent to a GPA of 6.
- A clearly defined project and a suitable supervisor willing to supervise the project (students are encouraged to discuss potential projects with staff members).

An individual student is eligible for a maximum of two summer research scholarships during their period of undergraduate study.

Ineligibility

Students who fall under the following categories are **not eligible** for Summer Research Scholarships:

- those seeking to be employed as tutors on Summer School;
- those working part-time in the University or outside;
- those currently enrolled in a postgraduate programme (Honours, Masters, PhD), **except that** some students enrolled in graduate diploma and professional masters programmes may be considered on a case-by-case basis. Consult faculty guidelines for details;
- those who previously have been awarded two summer scholarships.

Conditions

1. Students must be available for full-time work on Summer Research Scholarship projects.
2. Students will be required to be co-located in the same town as their supervisors for the period of the scholarship, except during any project-related travel.
3. Students will receive a total of \$5,000 stipend; \$3,500 on commencement of the scholarship and the final \$1,500 on approval by the supervisor of the final report.
4. Periods of research activity and holidays will be negotiated with the Project Supervisor. (The University is closed from 23 December 2011 to 3 January 2012).
5. Students are to discuss with the Supervisor tasks and timeframes of the study, including regular times for supervision meetings and expected outcomes.
6. Students will be subject to the Statutes and Regulations of The University of Auckland.
7. Responsibility for any costs incurred in the course of the research project should be clarified with the supervisor and department at the time of approval of the scholarship.

Where do I find a Research Project?

Please contact your Faculty for information on how to apply for a Summer Research Scholarship:

Faculty of Arts	www.arts.auckland.ac.nz
Auckland Bioengineering Institute	www.abi.auckland.ac.nz
Business School	www.business.auckland.ac.nz
NICAI	www.creative.auckland.ac.nz
Faculty of Education	www.education.auckland.ac.nz
Faculty of Engineering	www.engineering.auckland.ac.nz
Faculty of Law	www.law.auckland.ac.nz
FMHS and Liggins	www.fmhs.auckland.ac.nz
Faculty of Science	www.science.auckland.ac.nz

What do I need to do?

Interested students should follow the following process:

- Read the [guidelines](#).
- Select [project of interest](#) and arrange to see the supervisor offering the project.
- When you meet the supervisor take with you:
 - Your C.V.
 - Your academic record (print out from [nDeva](#) or request one from the Student Centre).
- If selected, student and supervisor together submit an application for scholarship to the appropriate faculty office. Application forms can be obtained from the appropriate faculty office.
- Where required ethical approval must be obtained before the student begins the project (arrange with supervisor).

Report guidelines

[Faculty Report guidelines](#) (available from the appropriate faculty office) should be followed when submitting your report at the end of the scholarship.