



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 are eligible for 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 a 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.

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) Evidence of research experience 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 Chair 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 36 months from the commencement date of the tenure of the scholarship.
- (2) The tenure of the scholarship shall normally begin no later than 1 March in the year immediately following the award.
- (3) A recipient who is unable to enrol by 1 March in the year immediately following the award must seek permission from the Director, Student Administration, Lincoln University to take up the scholarship at a later date. Without this permission, the offer of the award is rescinded.

7. Programme of Research

During the tenure of the scholarship, every scholar shall be enrolled as either a full-time or part-time student for the degree of Doctor of Philosophy at Lincoln University. Part-time study is dependent on this status being permitted by other agencies (eg INZ).

8. Deferral/Temporary Suspension of Study

- (1) Once the scholarship has commenced, the Vice-Chancellor, at their 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 value of the emolument as at 1st January 2025 is \$32,000 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) For a part-time student, the stipend payments shall be made assuming half time study. The duration of a scholarship, shall not exceed the maximum amount of time allowed for part-time study as defined in the LU PhD house rules.
- (4) 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.
- (5) At the request of the scholar, the amount of the emolument may be reduced to an amount specified by the scholar.
- (6) If the scholarship recipient submits their PhD for examination prior to 36 months (full-time study), any remaining un-paid scholarship will be paid out to them in a lump sum.

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 Food Transitions 2050 Doctoral 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 \$45,000, 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 \$45,000.

11. Positions of Emolument

- (1) A scholar may hold a position of emolument while receiving a scholarship provided that they meet the University's requirements for registration as a full-time or part-time student for the degree of Doctor of Philosophy.

12. Extensions

- (1) Under exceptional circumstances an extension of up to 6 months, over and above the 36 month tenure may be granted at the discretion of the Vice-Chancellor.

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 their 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 June 2024.