Purpose
The FASS Doctoral Research Support Awards are for 2017 and emerge from the budget line relating to scholarships with a special purpose. In previous years this fund was used to aid students in financial need and students who were nearing completion. For 2017, the FASS Scholarships Committee has decided to use this fund to provide additional support to doctoral students with expensive research needs (such as experiments and fieldwork).

Regulations
1. Eligibility
   1.1. To be eligible, applicants must be enrolled full- or part-time in a doctoral degree in the Faculty of Arts & Social Sciences.
       1.1.1. Applicants must have gained confirmed enrolment status.
   1.2. The Award is open to both domestic and international students.

2. Value
   2.1. Each Award will have a value of up to $1,500 and will be paid to the recipients in one lump sum (in the form of a cheque).
       2.1.1. The Award must be used to defray 2017-2018 research-related expenses.

3. Application
   3.1. Applications need to be submitted on the prescribed online form by 17 November 2017.
   3.2. Online applications must include:
       3.2.1. a one-page statement outlining the applicant’s research; and
       3.2.2. a budget.

4. Selection Criteria
   4.1. Awards will be offered on the basis of:
       4.1.1. satisfactory progress in their doctoral study; and
       4.1.2. financial need due to expensive research costs, e.g. fieldwork, experiments.

5. Selection Panel
   5.1. The Selection Panel will comprise the Faculty of Arts & Social Sciences’ Associate Dean Graduate/Postgraduate, a representative from each of the Faculty’s three Schools, and the Faculty’s Academic Services Manager (or nominees).
5.2. The Selection Panel may refrain from making any recommendations if it finds no applicants of sufficient merit.

5.3. The Selection Panel’s decisions are final; following formal notification of the outcome, no further correspondence will be entered into.

6. **Awarding**

6.1. All applicants will be advised by email of the outcome of their application.

6.2. The offer of an Award must be accepted by the date indicated on the accept/decline form. If a recipient declines an Award, or does not take it up by the due date, the Selection Panel may offer it to another applicant.

6.3. The Award must be taken up in 2017.

6.4. In signing and returning the Award acceptance form, the recipient will be deemed to have read, understood, and accepted the Award regulations.

7. **Other Conditions**

7.1. The Award may be held in conjunction with other scholarships and awards, unless the conditions of the other award preclude this.

7.2. Awards may not be held by permanent employees of the University of Waikato or Wintec.

7.3. The Scholarships Committee may terminate an Award at any time, and recoup any funds awarded, if it is satisfied that the recipient is not following the required programme or is not otherwise complying with the regulations governing the Award and/or the University of Waikato. The recipient of an Award shall have the right to appeal any decision to terminate the Award.

7.4. The University may from time to time vary these regulations.

7.5. By accepting an Award, the recipient agrees to participate in any publicity concerning the Award arranged by the University of Waikato.