

1. Purpose

- 1.1. The Division of Arts, Law, Psychology and Social Sciences (ALPSS) 120- / 240-point Masters Thesis Awards are offered twice a year (for A and B Semesters) to support and encourage students conducting research at Masters level.

2. Eligibility

- 2.1. To be eligible, applicants must be enrolling part- or full-time in a 120-point Masters degree or in the thesis year of a 240-point Masters degree and be doing either a three-paper (90-point) or four-paper (120-point) thesis (or equivalent) in either A or B Semester in the Division of Arts, Law, Psychology and Social Sciences.
 - 2.1.1. Applicants who have already commenced their enrolment in a 120-point Masters degree or in the thesis year of a 240-point Masters degree are not eligible for consideration.
 - 2.1.2. Where the enrolment period of the thesis covers more than one calendar year, students are advised to apply for the year in which they are taking the majority of points towards their thesis.
- 2.2. The Awards are open to both domestic and international students.

3. Value

- 3.1. The Awards will have a value of up to \$3,000 for applicants enrolling full-time in their thesis.
- 3.2. The amount offered for this Award is at the discretion of the Selection Panel and will be based on criteria such as, but not limited to, total available funding, grades, and period of enrolment.
 - 3.2.1. The Awards will be pro-rata for applicants enrolling part-time.
- 3.3. Applicants may only receive one full Award in any calendar year.

4. Application

- 4.1. The closing dates for applications are **15 November 2019** for A Semester 2020 and **30 April 2020** for B Semester 2020.
- 4.2. Applicants must fill out the prescribed online application form and (using the template provided on the online form) upload a one-page statement about their proposed research.
- 4.3. Applicants who have undertaken tertiary studies elsewhere must also provide verified copies of their academic transcripts.

5. Selection Criteria

- 5.1. Awards will be offered on academic merit, which includes the quality of the one-page research proposal.
 - 5.1.1. It is expected that applicants will have gained **at least a B+ grade average** for their most recent 240 points of study, i.e. the equivalent of two years' full-time enrolment.

6. Selection Panel

- 6.1. The Selection Panel will include the Division's Associate Dean Postgraduate (or nominee), the Division's Academic Services Manager (or nominee), and a representative each from the School of Arts, the Faculty of Law, the School of Psychology, the School of Social Sciences, and NIDEA.
- 6.2. The Selection Panel may refrain from making a recommendation if it finds no applicants of sufficient merit.
- 6.3. The Selection Panel's decisions are final; following formal notification of the outcome, no further correspondence will be entered into.

7. Awarding

- 7.1. The successful applicants will be offered the Award on condition that they enrol full- or part-time in a 90- or 120-point thesis as part of a 120-point Masters degree or the thesis year of a 240-point Masters degree in the Division of Arts, Law, Psychology and Social Sciences in the year of tenure.
- 7.2. The Award will have a tenure of one year and must be taken up in the year for which it is offered.
- 7.3. 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.
- 7.4. In signing and returning the Award acceptance form, the recipient will be deemed to have read, understood, and accepted the Award regulations.

8. Other Conditions

- 8.1. The Award may be held in conjunction with other scholarships or awards, however, recipients of a University of Waikato Research Masters Scholarship, Sir Edmund Hillary Scholarship or any other scholarships or awards which have a combined value equal to or higher than \$6,000 **will only be eligible to receive 50% of their ALPSS 120- / 240-point Masters Thesis Award value.**
- 8.2. Awards may not be held by permanent employees of the University of Waikato or Wintec.
- 8.3. The Scholarships Committee may terminate an Award at any time, and recoup any funds awarded, if the recipient is not following the required programme of study, brings the University into disrepute¹, or is not otherwise complying with the regulations governing the Award and/or the University of Waikato. The recipient shall have the right to appeal any decision to terminate the Award.
- 8.4. The University may from time to time vary these regulations.
- 8.5. In accepting the Scholarship, the recipient will be deemed to have read, understood, and accepted the conditions of the Scholarship, and the [Scholarships Policy](#).
- 8.6. By accepting an Award, the recipient agrees to participate in any publicity concerning the Award arranged by the University of Waikato.

¹ See [Student Code of Conduct](#).