

## **THE HOPE FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP FOR RESEARCH ON AGEING**

### **Purpose**

These Scholarships, established in 2003 as The HOPE Foundation Scholarships, are intended to support scientists in the early stages of their careers conducting research into ageing. The HOPE Foundation seeks to encourage research into ageing phenomena both individual and societal, because they believe that as the nation ages, many issues will arise that will have to be addressed in order to assist New Zealand Society to cope with the effects of the ageing population. In this way the Foundation seeks to help prepare New Zealand for an ageing future.

The administration of these scholarships will be through the HOPE Foundation.

### **The Foundation**

The HOPE Foundation for Research on Ageing is a non-Government-funded Charitable Trust established in 1996 to prepare New Zealand for an ageing future. The mission of the Foundation is to:

- Lead and resource the funding of people doing research on ageing.
- Disseminate research-based information about the effects of ageing on individuals and society.
- Increase the pool of researchers in New Zealand.
- Influence decision-makers to improve the quality of life for ageing New Zealanders.

### **Title**

The Scholarship shall be known as the HOPE Foundation Scholarship for Research on Ageing.

### **Amount and type of reward**

- One Scholarship of \$6,000 will be awarded annually.
- The scholarship will be paid in two equal instalments at the beginning of each semester on confirmation of enrolment.

### **Tenure**

- The scholarship is for one year but may be renewable for up to three years on application.

### **Application requirements**

- A completed application form (the application form is available from the University of Waikato Scholarships website).
- A brief two-page outline of the proposed research.
- Evidence that ethical approval for the proposed research has been applied for or approved.
- A current photograph of the applicant for publicity purposes.
- The closing date for applications is **31 October annually**.
- Recipients wishing to renew their grants must apply by letter through the University of Waikato Scholarships office by the closing date in the year prior to that for which the request is being made. A progress report from both supervisor and applicant must accompany the application.

### **Eligibility**

Candidates must:

- be enrolled or intending to enrol full- or part-time in a Masters or Doctoral thesis at the University of Waikato in a topic related to ageing; and
- be a New Zealand citizen or permanent resident.

Applications will be accepted from a wide range of disciplines in line with the HOPE Foundation's philosophy of encouraging eclectic research into ageing and its effects on individuals and society.

### **Conditions of selection**

The Scholarship shall be awarded by the HOPE Foundation Selection Committee. The basis of selection will be:

- The quality of the research proposal;
- The relevance of the research to the ageing population and the HOPE Foundation's objectives; and
- The academic merit of the applicant as measured by the grade point average assessed over the applicant's two most recent years of equivalent full-time study.

The Selection Committee is not obligated to make an award in any year if it determines that there are no applications of sufficient merit.

#### **Conditions of the award**

- Scholarship recipients may hold other awards at the same time as the HOPE Foundation Scholarship for Research on Ageing.
- Recipients will be expected to acknowledge the HOPE Foundation's support in any publication, monograph, report or presentation that results from the research.
- Recipients will be expected to report progress to the HOPE Foundation at the end of each year and to provide a final report on the completed research.
- The HOPE Foundation will not restrict the publication of research results by the recipient of a scholarship or his/her research team. However, from time to time, in order to enhance their own public profile as a research-supporting entity, the HOPE Foundation will seek to negotiate with research teams the publication of reports on research progress and/or outcomes in some agreed form on their website and in printed communications.
- The HOPE Foundation has the power to terminate or suspend a Scholarship if it receives an unsatisfactory report on the progress of a Scholar from the Head of the Academic Unit in which the recipient is enrolled.

#### **Amendments to the regulations**

The HOPE Foundation has the power to amend or vary these Regulations provided there is no departure from the main purpose of the Scholarships.

#### **Applications**

Application forms are available from the University of Waikato Scholarships website:

<https://www.waikato.ac.nz/scholarships/s/hope-foundation-scholarship-for-research-on-ageing>

Applications close on 31 October in the year preceding the award.