

Noeline Alcorn Doctoral Thesis Award - 2026



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The Noeline Alcorn Doctoral Award was established in 2017 and recognises the best completed doctoral thesis in Education at the University of Waikato. Professor Alcorn was the Principal and Dean of Education from 1992 to 2006, and is a long-serving staff member in Education. Professor Alcorn was instrumental in establishing a research ethos in the School of Education after the amalgamation of the Hamilton Teachers' College with the University of Waikato. Professor Alcorn was awarded Professor Emeritus in 2007. One award is funded annually by the Division of Education.

1. Purpose

- 1.1. The purpose of the Noeline Alcorn Doctoral Thesis Award is to recognise and acknowledge the achievement of Doctoral students' thesis completion, within the School of Education at the University of Waikato.

2. Eligibility and Selection Criteria

- 2.1. **To be eligible nominees** must:
 - 2.1.1. have completed a PhD or EdD through the University of Waikato in the Division of Education.
 - 2.1.2. have their thesis completed and examined between **1 November and 31 October** of the 12 months prior to the closing date.
- 2.2. **Selection will be based on** academic achievement of the applicant and the potential contribution of their research to the wider field of education.

3. Nominations

- 3.1. Nominations must be made on the nomination form provided for this award. The nomination form must be made by the Chief Supervisor and should include:
 - 3.1.1. Name of nominator(s) and nominee.
 - 3.1.2. Thesis title, and abstract;
 - 3.1.3. A substantial letter of nomination from the Chief Supervisor; and
 - 3.1.4. Copies of the examiners' reports.
- 3.2. Nominations should be forwarded electronically by **15 November each year** to scholarships@waikato.ac.nz.
- 3.3. Incomplete nominations will not be accepted.

4. Value, Tenure and Awarding

- 4.1. The Award has a value **\$2,000** and will be paid directly into the recipient's bank account in one lump sum as soon as practicable after awarding.

- 4.2. The award tenure is 1 month.
- 4.3. The successful applicant will be advised of the offer via their MyWaikato portal and must accept the offer within 7 days or the offer will lapse.
- 4.4. In accepting the award, the recipient will be deemed to have:
 - 4.4.1. read, understood, and accepted the conditions of the Scholarship, and the [Scholarships Policy](#).
 - 4.4.2. agreed to participate in any publicity concerning the award arranged by the University of Waikato.

5. Selection Panel

- 5.1. The Selection Panel will comprise of the Division of Education Director Postgraduate Research and Programmes, a staff representative of the Division's Scholarship Committee (in the Chair), the Associate Dean (Academic) and a member of the Division's Doctoral Leadership Group appointed by the Dean (or nominees).
- 5.2. The Selection Panel may refrain from making a recommendation if it finds no nomination of sufficient merit.
- 5.3. The Selection Panel's decision is final and no correspondence will be entered into following the selection meeting.

6. Other conditions

- 6.1. The award may be held together with any bursary, prize or student allowance, unless the conditions of the other award preclude this.
- 6.2. If a recipient is in receipt of a student allowance, another scholarship, or any type of financial assistance, it is their responsibility to check their entitlement to other income and any tax implications.
- 6.3. The Scholarships Committee may terminate this Scholarship at any time, and recoup any funds disbursed, if the holder withdraws from the University of Waikato, brings the Scholarship, the University or funder into disrepute¹, or is otherwise not complying with the conditions governing the Scholarship and/or the regulations of the University of Waikato. The holder of the Scholarship shall have the right to appeal to the Scholarships Executive against any decision to terminate the Scholarship using the [Scholarships Variation Request Form](#).
- 6.4. The Scholarships Committee has the power to amend or vary these regulations in consultation with the funder provided that there is no departure from the main purpose of the Scholarship.

¹ See [Code of Student Conduct](#).