

Tonkin+Taylor Masters Scholarship in Coastal Engineering

Code:	1039
Faculty:	Engineering and Design
Applicable study:	ME or MCivilEng thesis in Coastal Engineering
Closing date:	By nomination
Tenure:	Normally two years (part-time)
For:	Assistance with study
Number on offer:	One
Offer rate:	Annually
Value:	Up to \$15,000, plus value of domestic compulsory tuition fees

Description

The Scholarship was established in 2019 and is funded by Tonkin+Taylor Ltd. The Scholarship will support a Tonkin+Taylor Ltd. intern to undertake a part time Master of Engineering or Master of Civil Engineering thesis in a topic related to Coastal Engineering at Waipapa Taumata Rau, University of Auckland undertaking research on a coastal engineering topic.

The intention of the Scholarship is to develop the expertise and interest of New Zealand engineering graduates in coastal engineering.

Selection process

- Nomination is made to the Scholarships Office
- The Scholarship is awarded by the University of Auckland Council on the recommendation of the Selection Committee

Regulations

1. The Scholarship will be known as the Tonkin+Taylor Masters Scholarship in Coastal Engineering.
2. The Scholarship will be awarded annually, for a period of up to two years of part-time study (see Note II). The Scholarship will provide a stipend of up to \$15,000 paid in fortnightly instalments over the duration of approved study, plus compulsory fees at domestic student rate (see Note III).
3. To be eligible for Scholarship consideration, a candidate must i) be either a New Zealand Citizen or Permanent Resident (see Note IV), or a citizen of a Pacific island country (see Note V), ii) have been accepted as a Tonkin+Taylor intern, iii) be enrolled, but not yet commenced study, in a 120 point Master of Engineering (ME) or Master of Civil Engineering (MCivilEng) with a thesis topic related to Coastal Engineering as agreed between a representative of Tonkin+Taylor and a supervising academic staff member. A student who has already commenced study in a 180 point ME or MCivilEng but who has not yet started their research thesis may also be considered for the Scholarship for the thesis component of their masters programme only. A grade point average (GPA) or grade point equivalent (GPE) of at least 7.00 (6.50 for Māori and Pacific candidates) in their most recent qualifying programme is required for Scholarship consideration (see Note VI).

4. The basis of selection will be academic merit as assessed by the GPA/GPE calculated over the most recent qualifying programme (see Note VI) as well as interest and ability in making a substantial contribution to coastal engineering in NZ and/or the Pacific as demonstrated by participation in the Tonkin+Taylor Ltd Internship programme and the candidate's focus of study.
5. The Scholarship will be awarded by the University of Auckland Council on the recommendation of a Selection Committee comprising the Associate Dean (Postgraduate Research) of the Faculty of Engineering and Design (or nominee), one member of Academic Staff from the Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering, nominated by the Associate Dean (Postgraduate Research) and one representative of Tonkin+Taylor Ltd.
6. Payment will be made as a fortnightly stipend and a contribution towards compulsory fees (see Note III). Payment will commence in the first semester of enrolment as soon as is practical after confirmation of the awardee's enrolment (that is, after the final date on which a student may add or delete courses without incurring a late enrolment fee).
7. To be paid the Scholarship, the awardee must be enrolled part-time (see Note II) in the thesis component of a ME or MCivilEng in a topic related to Coastal Engineering.
8. The Tonkin+Taylor Masters Scholarship in Coastal Engineering may be held with any other scholarship, award or grant where the Regulations for that scholarship, award or grant permit and where the University of Auckland Council is informed and approves. It is the responsibility of the awardee to declare to the Scholarships Office all other scholarships, awards or grant funding received and for which the awardee receives payment while also in payment for this Scholarship.
9. The University of Auckland Council is not obliged to make an award if it is determined there is no candidate that meets the criteria and/or no candidate of sufficient merit.
10. The amount of additional and paid work a Scholar may undertake either inside or outside the University shall not exceed a total of 500 hours per year during the tenure of this Scholarship (see Note IX).
11. The University of Auckland Council, in consultation with the donor, has the power to terminate or suspend a Scholarship if it receives a report of unsatisfactory progress by a Scholar from the Associate Dean (Postgraduate Research) of the Faculty of Engineering and Design or if the student withdraws from the Tonkin+Taylor Ltd Internship programme.
12. Payments under the terms of this Scholarship remain tax-free as long as they are used for the payment of costs associated with an awardee's programme of study and/or to assist the awardee with living costs while studying (see Note I). Failure to comply with this regulation will result in the termination of the Scholarship.
13. The University of Auckland Council can amend or vary these Regulations, in consultation with the donor, provided that there is no departure from the main purpose of the Scholarship.
14. Notes [I] – [X] below are deemed to be Regulations.

Notes

- I. *The tax-free status of this Scholarship is under current legislation. The University of Auckland cannot guarantee this tax-free outcome.*
- II. *Part-time study must be a minimum of 60 points of enrolment within a 12-month period.*
- III. *Compulsory fees are only those related to the relevant programme of study, plus Student Services Fee up to the amount payable for domestic students enrolled in a 120 point programme. International students who are awarded this Scholarship will be responsible for the balance between domestic and international fees and any International Student Insurance.*
- IV. *New Zealand Permanent Residents have been granted a Permanent Resident Visa by Immigration New Zealand. For more information visit <https://www.immigration.govt.nz/new-zealand-visas/already-have-a-visa/becoming-a-permanent-resident>.*
- V. *Pacific island countries include: Samoa, American Samoa, Tonga, Cook Islands, Niue, Tokelau, Fiji (iTaukei), Rotuma, Solomon Islands, Vanuatu, New Caledonia, Papua New Guinea, Kiribati, Tuvalu, Palau, Marshall Islands, Federate States of Micronesia, Wallis and Futuna, Hawaii, French Polynesia, Rapanui (Easter Island), Nauru, Guam, Northern Mariana Islands.*

- VI. *The most recent qualifying programme is defined as the most recently completed programme of study that qualifies the applicant for entry to the masters programme for which they are applying. Where the qualifying programme is a conjoint programme the GPA/GPE will be calculated over the relevant component of the conjoint programme. The maximum approved exchange or transfer credit that can be excluded from the GPA/GPE calculation for the qualifying programme is 60 points. Where a bridging programme, including a Transitional Certificate, Graduate Diploma or Certificate of Proficiency, is required to qualify the applicant for entry to the postgraduate programme for which they are applying or are currently enrolled, the qualifying programme is the bridging programme and the most recently completed prior programme.*
- VII. *Any publications resulting from work done during the tenure of the Scholarship shall include an acknowledgement of support provided by Tonkin+Taylor.*
- VIII. *On completion of the study, the scholar must submit a report to the Faculty of Engineering and Design and to Tonkin+Taylor.*
- IX. *Paid work that is required as part of the Tonkin+Taylor Ltd internship is not counted towards the 500 hours of additional and paid work that a Scholar may undertake while in receipt of this scholarship.*
- X. *Awardees will be required to comply with the regulations for the Scholarship and must notify the Scholarships Office of any change in their enrolment or funding status. Waipapa Taumata Rau, University of Auckland may, in the event that it can be established that an awardee is not complying with these regulations, terminate the Scholarship and require repayment of the funds received from the date of the breach.*