

Two scholarships available for a 1-year LLM degree by 120 point thesis (40,000 words) at the University of Auckland Faculty of Law: *International Legal Ordering in the Pacific*

Conduct a 12-month research study on a topic relating to international law and policy in the Pacific region—including mechanisms and organisations of regional governance, climate change, environmental protection, trade and development, or peace and security. Methodology should include consideration of the relationship between the law and politics, economics, society, and/or culture.

Each scholarship covers domestic tuition fees for the 120-point thesis and provides a tax-free stipend of \$22,000 NZD. Candidates must be NZ residents, pursuing the Master of Laws programme full time, and will need to participate in person at Auckland Law School.

To be considered for the scholarship, you must submit an **expression of interest** to Associate Professor Guy Fiti Sinclair (guy.sinclair@auckland.ac.nz) by **1 September 2024**, including:

- (1) A brief cover letter explaining your interest in this area of law and policy, highlighting any relevant academic or professional experience;
- (2) a one-page statement of the proposed research, describing the topic and adding any preliminary thoughts about the thesis (theory, argument, or big idea) to be tested or developed, the approach or methodology to be employed, and the objectives to be accomplished;
- (3) a CV; and
- (4) contact information for two or three referees.

After submitting your expression of interest, you may be invited to meet in person or virtually with Associate Professor Sinclair to discuss/talanoa your topic and interests. Successful candidates will be advised of the outcome of their expression of interest by **30 September 2024**.

Successful candidates can start their degree on 1 December 2024 (Late Year Term 2024) or 3 March 2025 (Semester One 2025). Please note that different enrolment deadlines apply to each start date, please see 'Further Information' below.

Further Information:

- These scholarships are funded via an external Royal Society Te Apārangi Rutherford Discovery Fellowship, held by Associate Professor Sinclair.
- The scholarship is for 12 months and extensions are not permitted.
- The scholarship must be held full-time. The total number of additional hours that can be worked inside or outside the University during the tenure of the scholarship must be agreed to by Associate Professor Sinclair before accepting the scholarship (e.g. up to 500 hours).
- Candidates must meet the following programme admission requirements: LLB degree with a minimum 5.0 GPA. It is expected that the successful candidates will have a high GPA.

- The scholarship will run concurrently with enrolment in the University of Auckland LLM research masters programme. To hold the scholarship, successful candidates must apply to the course and submit all required enrolment documentation by the relevant deadlines at latest:
 - For a start date of 1 December 2024 (Late Year Term 2024):
 - By 15 October 2024, [apply](#) to the LLM by research.
 - By 31 October 2024, submit full research proposal to Faculty (not more than 5,000 words).
 - By 11 November 2024, enrol in LAW 797A/B and LAW 700.
 - For a start date of 3 March 2025 (Semester One 2025):
 - By 2 December 2024, [apply](#) to the LLM by research.
 - By 15 January 2025, submit full research proposal to Faculty (not more than 5,000 words).
 - By 31 January 2025, enrol in LAW 797A/B and LAW 700.
- All postgraduate students must complete LAW 700 Legal Research Methodology and Advanced Writing – this is a zero point, zero fee, two-day intensive course held in Semester One and Semester Two at the start of each semester.