



The Tait Foundation DOCTORAL SCHOLARSHIP REGULATIONS

1. Background

Tait Foundation is a charitable foundation and principal shareholder of Tait Communications which is a NZ based company specialising in radio technology and communications.

For more than 50 years, Tait Communications has been designing, delivering and supporting critical communications solutions for public safety, transportation and utility customers around the world.

Tait Communications works in 150 countries in public safety, utilities, mining, oil and gas, and transportation organizations. Tait has regional bases covering Americas, Asia Pacific, Europe, Middle East and Africa. The global hub is in Christchurch and includes principal design, engineering and manufacturing. Tait is majority owned by a charitable trust that shares operating profits across: research and development, regional reinvestment, and education.

2. Purpose

Tait Foundation Doctoral Scholarships are awarded for the purpose of supporting postgraduate study and research at Lincoln University in technology and the land.

3. Number

The number of scholarships to be awarded in any year shall be determined by the Vice-Chancellor.

4. Eligibility

- 4.1. Scholarships will be open to applicants who are eligible for entrance into a Doctor of Philosophy at Lincoln University.
- 4.2. If a candidate awarded a scholarship under 4(1) above does not become eligible to register for a Doctor of Philosophy at Lincoln University by 1 March in the year following the award, then the award will lapse.
- 4.3. Applicants must be new to the Lincoln University Doctoral programme.
- 4.4. Applicants must be New Zealand Citizens or Permanent Residents. For the avoidance of doubt, Citizens and Permanent Residents of Australia can, under most circumstances, be classed as New Zealand residents and can apply.

5. Selection Criteria

- 5.1. The Scholarship will be awarded based on the following criteria:
 - 5.1.1. Academic Merit. A minimum grade point average in your pre-requisite qualification equating to an A- (80%) average is required in order to be eligible to apply for the scholarship.
 - 5.1.2. Alignment of the proposed Thesis topic to the use of technology and the land.
 - 5.1.3. Demonstrated commitment and interest in a career in technology and land based industries.

6. Selection Process and Committee

- 6.1. A Selection Committee, which shall comprise:

The Convener of the Lincoln University Scholarships Committee (or nominee)

Three other representatives on the Lincoln Scholarships Committee representing all three faculties

will provide The Tait Foundation with a shortlist of candidates, together with their recommendation for award. The Tait Foundation shall make the award.
- 6.2. The selection committee may refrain from making a recommendation if it finds no candidate of sufficient merit.

7. Tenure

7.1. The following conditions of tenure shall apply:

- 7.1.1. Every scholarship shall be tenable for 36 months (of full time study) from the commencement date of the tenure of the scholarships.
- 7.1.2. The tenure of the scholarship shall normally begin no later than 1 March in the year immediately following the award.
- 7.1.3. A recipient who is unable to enrol by 1 March in the year immediately following the award must seek permission from the Director, Student Administration, Lincoln University to take up the scholarship at a later date. Without this permission, the offer of the award is rescinded.

8. Programme of Research

- 8.1. During the tenure of the scholarship, every scholar shall be enrolled as either a full-time or part-time student for the degree of Doctor of Philosophy at Lincoln University.

9. Temporary Suspension of Study

- 9.1. Once the scholarship has commenced, the Vice-Chancellor, at their discretion, may grant a temporary suspension of the scholarship, without emolument, for up to one year having taken into account the scholar's circumstances and the progress of the study.

10. Payments

- 10.1. The value of the scholarships shall be determined by the Vice-Chancellor. The emolument shall be paid by fortnightly instalments in arrears, according to the tenure of the scholarship.
Note: The value of the emolument as at 1st January 2025 is \$33,000 per annum.
- 10.2. The first payment shall be made as soon as practical after the student has registered for the degree of Doctor of Philosophy at Lincoln University.
- 10.3. For a part-time student, the stipend payments shall be made assuming half time study. The duration of a scholarship shall not exceed the maximum amount of time allowed for part-time study as defined in the LU PhD house rules.
- 10.4. For the avoidance of doubt this scholarship does not include Tuition fees, or the Student Services Levy. It is likely that the Tuition fees would be covered via a fee Waiver from the enrolling student's faculty, but this is decided on a case-by-case basis.
- 10.5. At the request of the scholar, the amount of the emolument may be reduced to an amount specified by the scholar.

- 10.6. If the scholarship recipient submits their PhD for examination prior to 36 months (full-time study), any remaining un-paid scholarship will be paid out to them in a lump sum.

11. Co-Tenure

- 11.1. Except as provided in 11.2 and 11. 3 below a scholarship shall be tenable with any other scholarship, bursary or award unless the conditions of the other award preclude it.
- 11.2. This scholarship is not tenable with an LU Doctoral Scholarship or a Food Transitions 2050 Doctoral scholarship.
- 11.3. Where a scholar holds other awards while also holding a Tait Foundation Doctoral Scholarship, then the value of the scholarship may be reduced in circumstances to be determined by the Vice-Chancellor.

Note: In the case, where the total value of the scholarship and the other awards exceed 1.5x the value of the primary scholarship, then the value of the emolument component of the Tait Foundation Doctoral Scholarship will be reduced by \$1 for every dollar by which the value of the awards exceeds 1.5x the value of the primary scholarship.

12. Positions of Emolument

- 12.1. A scholar may hold a position of emolument while receiving a scholarship provided that they meet the University's requirements for registration as a full-time or part-time student for the degree of Doctor of Philosophy.

13. Reviews of Progress

- 13.1. The Postgraduate Research Office shall, in January and July of each year, request from the Dean of the Faculty in which the scholar is registered, a report on the scholar's progress.
- 13.2. The Tait Foundation will receive bi-annual progress reports, via the Alumni and Development Office
- 13.3. The Scholar is expected to engage with The Tait Foundation as and when requested.
- 13.4. A scholar is expected to have prepared, and have approved, a research proposal within six months of commencement of the scholarship.
- 13.5. If the Vice-Chancellor, at any time, is satisfied that the scholar is not diligently pursuing their studies; or is not complying with the conditions of the scholarship; or is not making satisfactory progress, then the Vice-Chancellor may suspend or terminate any scholarship or require the forfeiture of any proportion of the scholarship emolument.

14. Concessions

- 14.1. The Vice-Chancellor may relax or modify the application of any of these regulations in special circumstances or in order to avoid hardship to an incoming scholar who has been awarded this scholarship.

15. Applications

- 15.1. Candidates shall submit applications no later than 17 November of the year preceding the award of the scholarship. Applications will be submitted on the form provided by the Scholarships Manager.

These regulations shall take effect from 30 November 2024.