



## **The Tait Foundation**

### **RESEARCH MASTERS 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**

The Tait Foundation Research Masters Scholarship was established in 2024 to support a 240-credit Research Master's student undertaking research in the area of technology and the land. This scholarship is open to students across all faculties of Lincoln University.

#### **3. Number/Value**

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 people who are eligible to register as candidates for 240 credit Research Masters (by exam and thesis) qualifications at Lincoln University.
- 4.2. Applicants must be 'new to programme'. For avoidance of doubt, existing Lincoln University 240 credit Research Masters (by exam and thesis), or 120 Credit Masters (by thesis) students are ineligible.
- 4.3. A scholarship may be awarded to a person who is not eligible to register as a candidate for a 240 credit Research Masters (by exam and thesis) qualification at Lincoln University provided they become eligible to register by 1 January of the subsequent year, or by such other date as may be determined by the University in a particular case.
- 4.4. If a candidate awarded a scholarship does not become eligible to register for a 240 credit Research Masters (by exam and thesis) qualification at Lincoln University by the date determined under the provisions above, then the award will lapse.
- 4.5. 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 criteria for selection will be:
  - 5.1.1. Academic Merit: A minimum grade point average equating to a B+ (75%) average in the qualifying qualification is required in order to be eligible to apply for the scholarship.
  - 5.1.2. Alignment of the proposed Masters Course work and 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 scholarship is tenable for a maximum of 24 months (full-time study) from commencement date.
- 7.2. The scholarship shall begin at the commencement of the Semester immediately following the award or in the year of the award or on the scholar's registration into their programme of study at Lincoln University.
- 7.3. The scholarship is tenable with any other scholarship, award or bursary providing the regulations of that scholarship allow co-tenure.
- 7.4. During the tenure of the scholarship, every scholar shall be enrolled as a full-time student for the degree of Research Masters (by exam and thesis) at Lincoln University

## **8. Deferral/Temporary suspension of study**

- 8.1. Due to the structure of a Research Masters (by exam and thesis) commencement deferral will likely only be possible under exceptional circumstances.
- 8.2. 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.

## **9. Review of Progress**

- 9.1. The Postgraduate Research Office shall, twice annually, request from the Dean of the Faculty in which the scholar is registered, a report on the scholar's progress.
- 9.2. The Tait Foundation will receive bi-annual progress reports from the Alumni and Development Office.
- 9.3. The Scholar is expected to engage with The Tait Foundation as and when requested.
- 9.4. To progress to the 120 Credit (Thesis) in year 2, the scholar must meet the academic requirements in year 1 (120 credit (examination) year), as outlined in the Lincoln University Calendar.
- 9.5. If the University, 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 University may suspend or terminate any scholarship or require the forfeiture of any proportion of the scholarship emolument.

## **10. Payments**

- 10.1. The value of the scholarships shall be determined by the Lincoln University. The stipend shall be paid by fortnightly instalments in arrears, according to the tenure of the scholarship.

**Note:** The current stipend value is \$20,000 per annum.

- 10.2. The first payment shall be made as soon as practicable after the student has enrolled for the degree of Research Masters (by exam and thesis) at Lincoln University.
- 10.3. 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.

## **11. Application**

- 11.1. Candidates shall submit applications no later than 31 October 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.