

Massey University COVID-19 Master's Research Bursary

Bursary Regulations

Focus

Financial need, Hardship, Research

Level of Study

Master's

Purpose

This bursary has been established in response to the impact COVID-19 is having on master's research students. The purpose is to support masters students by providing temporary assistance to those whose ability to conduct research successfully is being impacted by hardship as a result of COVID-19.

Value and Tenure

The value of the bursary is \$2,000.

Typical Number on Offer

Up to 40 bursaries will be offered.

Eligibility

Applicants must be:

- studying a Massey University master's degree full-time or part-time
- enrolled in Part 2 of a 90 credit or 120 credit research course
- residing in New Zealand

Selection Criteria

Preference will be given to students who can demonstrate significant financial hardship due to COVID-19, as well as research impacts.

Hardship means any suffering, deprivation or financial challenge faced by a learner due to the COVID-19 pandemic that is interfering with a learner's ability to progress with their study, such as:

- Loss of employment or loss of employment within the family or whanau
- Relocation either temporarily or permanently
- Loss of study costs support from an employer
- An increase in living expenses (e.g., additional childcare, other regular expenses)
- Illness due to COVID-19
- Additional family care duties such as elder care increasing living expenses
- Loss of research income (e.g., external research contract)

Research impacts that have created financial hardship, such as:

- Lack of access to specialist equipment, resources or facilities
- Inability to conduct field-based research
- Lack of access to research participants
- Loss of research funding, including sponsorships or scholarships
- Lack of access to supervision
- Working on COVID-19 response full time as a researcher, subject matter expert (e.g. disaster research), or as an essential worker

Selection Committee

The bursary is awarded by the University Scholarships Committee

Conditions of the Bursary

Applicants must be enrolled in Part 2 of a 90 credit or 120 credit research course as part of a master's degree at the time of application.

Students who have submitted their master's thesis for examination are not eligible for this bursary.

Applicants must demonstrate research planning that seeks to ensure that progress on the research at the time of application is meeting the research goals and timeframes. The application must be supported by the main master's supervisor who will confirm that progress is being made.

In recommending the award of a bursary, the University Scholarships Committee will take account of other scholarships and bursaries held by the applicant with a view to achieving an equitable distribution of monies among qualifying candidates