

# Cat Pausé Postgraduate Scholarship

## Scholarship Regulations

### **Focus**

Leadership, Community

### **Level of Study**

Master's

### **Purpose**

The Cat Pausé Postgraduate Scholarship was established to support students enrolled in postgraduate study at Massey University from the Colleges of Arts, College of Health, and College of Humanities and Social Sciences with a record of academic achievement, leadership, and community engagement and contribution.

### **Background**

Dr Caitlin (Cat) Pausé was a senior lecturer at Massey University from 2008 until her death in March 2022.

Cat's academic focus was on the impact of fat stigma on the health and well-being of fat people. She published on coming out as fat, the barriers to health for fat people, and the role of social media in fat activism and scholarship.

At Massey, Cat was well-liked and respected by staff and students and is remembered for her generosity, humility and caring. Cat was a strong believer in education and professional development and was known to occasionally sponsor students out of her own pocket to travel to professional seminars and conferences.

This scholarship fund was founded by Cat's parents Paul and Megan Pausé who want this scholarship to benefit numerous generations of students at Massey and keep Caitlin's memory alive for many, many years. Other family, friends and colleagues have also contributed to the fund.

### **Value and Tenure**

The value of the scholarship will be \$7,000 for full time students, prorated for part time students, and will have a tenure for one year.

## Typical Number on Offer

Typically, one scholarship will be awarded each year.

## Eligibility

All applicants must:

- be enrolled full time or part time (minimum of 30 credits per semester) in a master's degree in the College of Creative Arts, College of Health, or the College of Humanities and Social Sciences.
- have achieved a GPA of B (5.0) or better in their overall study to date.

## Selection Criteria

Applications are assessed based on evidence of academic achievement, leadership, and community engagement and contribution:

- Academic achievement: typically, a grade point average of B or better in the applicant's study to date.
- Leadership: Both at Massey and external to Massey, as evidenced by leadership roles, skills and qualities, development, and growth. This may include, for example, awards for leadership, engagement in clubs and organisations, opportunities for leadership growth and development, service-related engagement, marae responsibilities, church duties, or leading change initiatives.
- Community Engagement and Contribution: Evidence of contributions to the local, national and/or international community. This may include, for example, working with whānau, iwi or hapū, community action projects, marae engagement, church service, Scouting, Council work, volunteerism, education community partnerships, and awards or recognition for service.

Preference will be given to areas of academic study that were important to Dr Pausé including but not limited to human development, public health, and fat studies. Studies which encourage or promote anti-obesity rhetoric or sentiment will not be considered.

## Selection Committee

The bursary will be awarded by the University Scholarships Selection Committee and will include a nominee of Paul and Megan Pausé

## Conditions of the Scholarship

Payment will be made in two instalments upon confirmation of enrolment in semesters one and two, following the official withdrawal dates for these semesters.

Payment for semester two will be conditional on the applicant passing all enrolled courses of their semester one study.

The bursary may be held in conjunction with other scholarships, bursaries or awards, so long as these permit co-tenure.

In recommending the award of a bursary the selection committee may take account of other scholarships and bursaries held by the applicant with a view to achieving a reasonable distribution of available monies among qualifying candidates.

The committee may decline to award any scholarships in any year if there are no applicants of sufficient merit to warrant an award.