Welcome

E ngā waka
Kia maiangi tārewa i te awa o Waikato
Hukehukea te hoe o te mātauranga kia pou titia
Toi ake ki te papa o Te Whare Wānanga o Waikato
Nau mai, haere mai!

Tēnā koutou katoa

At the University of Waikato we pride ourselves on our strong Māori distinctiveness that stems from our location within the rohe of Waikato-Tainui and the mantle of the Kīngitanga, and extends to the contribution made by our staff and alumni to Te Ao Māori, to New Zealand society and to the world. As a University community we are enriched by the Māori students who come to study at Waikato from different iwi and communities around Aotearoa. We hope that you take advantage of the many opportunities available at the University for students to develop skills and understandings, try new things, develop relationships for the future and prepare for a career and life beyond study. This guide is one way to keep informed about our activities and keep connected to campus life.

I encourage you to make the most of your time at Waikato and embrace everything with a positive mind. This could well be the time of your life as well as the time that sets you up for life.

Professor Linda Tuhiwai Smith, CNZM
Pro-Vice Chancellor Māori

Why choose Waikato?

We offer a broad range of internationally-recognised degrees, diplomas and certificates across more than 100 subjects to set you up for where the world is going. Many of our degree programmes are flexible so you can customise your qualification to suit your interests and careers plans, and smaller class sizes give you better access to world-renowned teaching staff. Our campuses in Hamilton and Tauranga have everything you need, including lecture theatres, cafes, the Student Centre, gym, career development and student support services. Our teaching and research of te reo me ōna tikanga is renowned, along with our expertise in Māori psychology, education, law, social sciences and computer science. For more about study options visit waikato.ac.nz/study
Ngā Wheakoranga ā Taurira

Student life

E kore a Rakahore e nuku ki te kore a Rakataura.

Events and activities

We host many academic and social events on our Hamilton and Tauranga campuses each year. These draw on kaupapa Māori and whanaungatanga to enhance your student experience and help build lifelong memories and friendships.

Events include:

- Pōwhiri for new staff and students at Te Kohinga Mārama marae in Hamilton, and Pōmare Marae at the Windermere campus in Tauranga
- Māori Ori – a dedicated induction programme during O-Week that provides extra guidance and information around Māori support services
- Faculty and School-specific events and activities around Matariki, Te Wiki o te Reo Māori and other kaupapa
- Kingitanga Day – a day of celebration of the University’s distinctive heritage and relationships

For more about events at Waikato visit waikato.ac.nz/maori

Accommodation

Our on-campus accommodation options provide the perfect place for you to settle into the student life in a safe and friendly environment. We have three fully catered Halls of Residence; Bryant Hall, Student Village and College Hall; and one self-catered Hall, Orchard Park.

Ngā-Tokorua-a-Taingahue (Bryant Hall) was established in 1990 and was the first kaupapa Māori floor in New Zealand fostering manaakitanga, whanaungatanga, te reo Māori and tikanga Māori.

There are also plenty of off campus accommodation options available, such as flats or private boarding.

For more about accommodation options visit waikato.ac.nz/tautoko/accommodation
Karahipi

Scholarships

Sir Edmund Hillary Scholarship Programme
The Sir Edmund Hillary Scholarship Programme is unique to the University of Waikato, and provides recipients with a full fees scholarship. To be eligible for the programme you must excel in academia, leadership, and sport or creative and performing arts. If you’re awarded the Sir Edmund Hillary Scholarship you’ll also get personalised support and mentoring, along with a free gym membership and professional development opportunities.
For more about the Hillary scholarship visit waikato.ac.nz/hillary

Tauira Māori scholarships
Tauira who are studying Māori-related subjects may be eligible for a range of scholarships and grants to help with their studies. For more information visit waikato.ac.nz/scholarships

School leaver scholarships
We also offer unlimited school leaver scholarships.
If you pass NCEA Level 3 (or equivalent for CIE or IB) with Merit or Excellence you could be eligible for up to $5,000.
For more about school leaver scholarships visit waikato.ac.nz/go/school-leaver

You can contact our Scholarships team at scholarships@waikato.ac.nz

Nga Wai Hono I Te Po Paki
Bachelor of Arts

I love everything about my culture so it was only natural for me to study at a University that fully supports Māori students. Because of this I looked no further than Waikato.
When I visited the Hamilton campus I felt at home. It’s got everything you need – like lecture theatres, the library, UniRec gym and study labs.

One thing I love about University is being independent and accomplishing my goals. If I’m struggling I reach out to the Māori support services who are always really helpful.

I was awarded the Sir Edmund Hillary Scholarship for Māori Creative Performing Arts and Kapa Haka. The programme’s been so beneficial in bettering myself as a Kapa Haka tutor and performer. And I’ve been able to get a part time job teaching Kapa Haka to high school students and help out with fundraising for the Himalayan Trust.

University really is the land of opportunity. If you look at your long term plan in life Waikato is a way to future proof yourself for your whānau, hapu and iwi.
Ngā puna āwhina

Student support

Ehara i te toa takitahi, ēngari he toa takitini.

Support services

We offer a broad range of support services to strengthen student wellbeing, and promote quality learning and personal development;

• **Te Puna Tautoko** is a University-wide Māori support network made up of specialist Māori staff across the University who are committed to ensuring your success. For more visit [waikato.ac.nz/tautoko](http://waikato.ac.nz/tautoko)

• **Māori mentors** are in all Faculties and Schools at the University and are your first point of contact for access to support services.

We also have dedicated learning, financial, health and disability support services who are more than happy to help.

For more about student support visit [waikato.ac.nz/go/student-support](http://waikato.ac.nz/go/student-support)

Māori student groups

Getting involved in a club is a great way to meet people, try something new and settle into University life. We have a number of rōpū specifically for Māori students;

• **Te Waiora** - the largest Māori student group on campus, with over 300 members

• **Te Ranga Ngaku**

• **Te Whakahiapō**

For more about student clubs and to get involved visit [wsu.org.nz/clubs](http://wsu.org.nz/clubs)

Whakapā mai

Get in touch

We’re here to answer any questions you may have about coming to University and can take you on a tour of our campuses. Contact our Future Student Advisers at [recruitment@waikato.ac.nz](mailto:recruitment@waikato.ac.nz) or on 0800 WAIKATO.

Haere tauira mai, hoki mātanga atu.

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