Welcome to Waikato

Our scholarships reward your talents, whether these be academic ability, leadership potential, community spirit, sporting skills or creative and performing arts talent.

We appreciate the diversity of our student group and provide funding and other support for students from all backgrounds.

Because we offer such a broad range of scholarships, this guide only highlights our key undergraduate scholarships.

If you’re starting university next year you may be eligible for many of the scholarships in this guide.

If you’re considering graduate or postgraduate study, we also have plenty of scholarships to support your study. Check your eligibility at waikato.ac.nz/scholarships

Students studying at the Tauranga Campus will be eligible for most of our usual scholarships.

Keep checking waikato.ac.nz/scholarships for updates.

Fees-Free

Full fees-free details (including info about non-University study) and eligibility criteria are available at waikato.ac.nz/go/fees-free or feesfree.govt.nz

Get in touch

Our Scholarships Team is here to help with any questions about what you’re eligible to apply for, how to apply, closing dates, and more.

Location:

School of Graduate Research - Scholarships
W Block
University of Waikato Hamilton campus

07 838 5096
scholarships@waikato.ac.nz

All scholarship information is correct at the time of printing, but is subject to change. For the most up-to-date information visit waikato.ac.nz/scholarships or email scholarships@waikato.ac.nz

Scholarship application process

1. CHECK THE REGULATIONS

Ensure that you have the most up-to-date regulations by downloading them from the Scholarships Finder at waikato.ac.nz/scholarships

2. PERSONAL STATEMENT AND CV

Take time to prepare a Personal Statement and or CV that shows that you are the best candidate for the scholarship. We receive a high number of applications for scholarships so putting the extra effort into your Personal Statement and or CV can make your application stand out to the Selection Panel. The University of Waikato’s Careers Office provides information and assistance to students wanting to tailor their Personal Statement and or CV for scholarship applications. For further information visit waikato.ac.nz/students/careers

3. SUPPORT YOUR APPLICATIONS

If you are applying for a scholarship that will be awarded based on non-academic factors (i.e. community involvement or sporting achievements), make sure you include documentation that will support your achievements in this area.

4. PREPARE YOUR REFEREES CAREFULLY

Prepare your referees carefully as the Selection Panel will take into consideration what your referees say about you. Always send your referees a copy of the regulations so they are aware of what you are applying for. If you are applying for more than one scholarship, ensure that your referees cover everything needed for all scholarships.

5. RESEARCH THE SCHOLARSHIP

Get as much information about the scholarship as you can. This information is often found in the regulations. Additional internet searching can be helpful.

6. PROVIDE ACCURATE CONTACT DETAILS

For any University of Waikato scholarships/awards this should be the same as your details in MyWaikato. Without these details you may miss important news about the scholarship.

7. VERIFIED ACADEMIC TRANSCRIPTS

If you are requested to supply a verified academic transcript with your application, please note that original copies will not be returned.

8. SELECTION PROCESS

Selection typically takes at least eight weeks after the closing date. You will receive an electronic notification when your application has been processed and when a decision has been reached by the selection panel. Please ensure you accept any offers by the date indicated or your offer may lapse.

Most entrance scholarship applications close 31 August 2018
Scholarships for School Leavers

**Te Paewai o te Rangi: The University of Waikato Scholarship for Outstanding Academic Achievement**

**Value:** Up to $25,000 over three years

If you’re an outstanding student who demonstrates academic excellence, leadership potential and community involvement, this scholarship will support you to achieve excellence in a programme of study at the University of Waikato.

**Eligibility:**
- Academic Excellence (minimum of NCEA Level 2 endorsed with Excellence or the equivalent through examinations such as the Cambridge International Examinations (CIE) or the International Baccalaureate (IB) examination)
- Leadership potential
- Community involvement
- Be a New Zealand Citizen or Permanent Resident

**Closing date:** 31 August

**Sir Edmund Hillary Scholarship Programme**

**Value:** Up to $10,000 a year during your undergraduate degree

This scholarship programme is unique to the University of Waikato and is a premier high-value entrance scholarship.

The Sir Edmund Hillary Scholarship Programme educates future leaders within the values of New Zealand’s greatest adventurer, Sir Edmund Hillary.

**Eligibility:**
- Significant achievement in either:
  - Sport
  - Creative and performing art
- Academic achievement
- Leadership potential
- Community involvement
- Be a New Zealand Citizen or Permanent Resident

**Closing date:** 31 August

**Pacific Excellence Scholarship**

**Value:** Up to $10,000

This scholarship is awarded to academically excellent students of Pacific descent with connection/contribution to the Pacific community.

**Eligibility:**
- Be of Pacific Island descent
- Contribution to and/or positive engagement with the Pacific community
- Leadership experience, community involvement and extracurricular activities, especially in the Māori community
- Be a New Zealand Citizen or Permanent Resident

**Closing date:** 31 August

**Te Ara Whānui Scholarship**

**Value:** Up to $10,000

This scholarship is awarded to academically excellent students strong in Te Reo, Tikanga and/or Kapa Haka.

**Eligibility:**
- Leadership experience, community involvement and extracurricular activities, especially in the Māori community
- Be a New Zealand Citizen or Permanent Resident

**Closing date:** 31 August
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Edna Money Future Pacific Leaders’ Scholarship
Value: $6,000 a year for up to three years (cash)
This scholarship provides cash support to excellent Pacific students who show significant leadership potential.

Eligibility:
- NCEA Level 2 endorsed with Merit (or equivalent)
- Leadership experience at school and in the wider (especially Pacific) community
- Community and cultural involvement and activities, particularly engagement with Pacific communities
- Be a New Zealand Citizen or Permanent Resident and of Pacific Island descent

Closing date: 31 August

D.V. Bryant Trust Residential Scholarship
Value: Up to $10,000
This scholarship is designed to assist school leavers who have proven academic potential, whose financial circumstances are severely constrained, or for whom there are other circumstances where accommodation within a hall of residence will clearly benefit academic progress.

Eligibility:
- Proven academic potential
- Financial circumstances are severely constrained
- Other personal circumstances
- Be a New Zealand Citizen or Permanent Resident

Closing dates: 1 October 2018 & 7 March 2019

University of Waikato Rugby Development Scholarship
Value: Up to $7,000
This scholarship supports promising rugby union players who wish to study at Waikato.

Eligibility:
- Be considered by the Waikato Rugby Union to be genuine prospects for future Waikato Mitre 10 Cup or Farah Palmer Cup Representative Teams
- Be part of the Rugby Union Academy/Development System and/or playing representative rugby for Waikato in the year of tenure
- Be a New Zealand Citizen or Permanent Resident

Closing date: 31 August

The ‘Ko Te Tangata’ Scholarship (Waikato schools)
Value: Up to $5,000
The ‘Ko Te Tangata’ Scholarship (Waikato Schools) is the University of Waikato scholarship for the secondary schools of the Waikato region. The University of Waikato was established thanks to the drive and determination of the people of the Waikato.

Eligibility:
- Be studying at NCEA Level 3, or equivalent, at a secondary school within the Waikato region
- Be a New Zealand Citizen or Permanent Resident
- Achieve at least Merit at NCEA Level 3 or equivalent.

Closing date: 31 August
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The ‘Ko Te Tangata’ Scholarship (Bay of Plenty schools)

Value: Up to $5,000

The ‘Ko Te Tangata’ Scholarship (Bay of Plenty Schools) is the University of Waikato scholarship for the schools of the Bay of Plenty region.

As a leading tertiary provider, the University of Waikato has been active in the Bay of Plenty since the 1990s, and with the new University campus due to open in the Tauranga CBD in 2019, our commitment to Tauranga and the Bay is set to endure long into the future.

Eligibility:
- Be studying at NCEA Level 3, or equivalent, at a secondary school within the Bay of Plenty region
- Be a New Zealand Citizen or Permanent Resident
- Achieve at least Merit at NCEA Level 3 or equivalent.

Closing date: 31 August

The Manu Kaewa Scholarship

Value: Up to $5,000

Te Manu Kaewa is a reference to the adventurer in search of new horizons. The Manu Kaewa (School Leavers) Scholarship is for school leavers who come to the University of Waikato from schools outside of the Waikato and Bay of Plenty regions.

Eligibility:
- Be studying at NCEA Level 3, or equivalent, at either a New Zealand secondary school outside of the Waikato and Bay of Plenty regions, or at an overseas secondary school
- Be a New Zealand Citizen or Permanent Resident
- Achieve at least Merit at NCEA Level 3 or equivalent.

Closing date: 31 August