Welcome to Waikato

Kia orana, Talofa, Malo e lelei, Fakaalofa lahi atu, Bula Vinaka, Namaste, Talohi Ni, Halo ola keta, Mauri.

At the University of Waikato, inspiring and supporting our students is at the heart of everything we do. Our campuses in Hamilton and Tauranga are the perfect place for Pacific students to begin tertiary study while staying connected to their culture and community.

Studying at Waikato

We provide an internationally recognised education in a friendly and supportive campus environment. Our campuses have everything students need for their university journey, with lecture theatres, cafés, student support services, a gym and a library all within a 10 minute walk of each other.

We have a laid-back campus atmosphere with plenty of opportunities to make life-long friends, participate in sporting and cultural activities, join student clubs, and be fully supported along the way, with greater access to our world-leading teaching staff.

To find out more about the Pacific student experience visit waikato.ac.nz/go/pacific

Choosing your course

We offer a broad range of degrees, diplomas and certificates across more than 100 subjects. Our degree programmes are flexible, meaning you can customise your qualification to suit your strengths, interests and career plans. This ensures you graduate fully prepared for life beyond study.

We appreciate that many students have ongoing work and family commitments, and offer full- and part-time study options.

To find out more about our qualifications visit waikato.ac.nz/study or contact our Future Student Adviser (Pacific) at recruitment@waikato.ac.nz
Pacific student support

We have a dedicated Pacific Student Success Coordinator who can help with course planning, accommodation, finding Pacific student groups and more. We also offer many other student support services, including:

- **Pacific peer mentor**
  All first year students have access to a Pacific peer mentor to provide holistic support, from content specific to pastoral care, throughout the duration of your first year at University.

- **Pacific drop-in sessions**
  Pacific Support Staff are available to help you from 9am-10am Monday to Friday in The Conch.

- **Breakfast club**
  Free breakfast is provided every Monday in The Conch.

- **Pacific support in faculties**
  Programme planning and subject specific assistance.

- **Pacific study groups/sessions**
  Held Monday and Thursday in The Conch from 1pm-5pm.

For a full list of our student support services visit [waikato.ac.nz/go/student-support](http://waikato.ac.nz/go/student-support) or contact our Pacific Student Success Coordinator at pacificsupport@waikato.ac.nz

Pacific student groups

We have all sorts of sports and student clubs at our Hamilton and Tauranga campuses. These are a great way to meet new people, try something different, and familiarise yourself with the University. We offer many student groups specifically for Pacific Students, including:

- Pacific Islands Management Students Association
- Pacific Law Students Association
- Papua New Guinea Students Association
- Solomon Islands Students Waikato Association
- Waikato Uni-Tech Tongan Students Association
- Waikato University Cook Island Students Association
- Waikato University Fijian Students Association
- Waikato University Kiribati Students Association
- Waikato University Samoan Student Association
- Waikato University Tuvalu Students Association

To find out more about sport at Waikato visit [waikato.ac.nz/go/sport](http://waikato.ac.nz/go/sport) or for more about Pacific student clubs visit [waikato.ac.nz/go/pacific-clubs](http://waikato.ac.nz/go/pacific-clubs)

The Conch

The Conch is our dedicated Pacific student space, and is located on Level Zero of the Student Centre. This space provides a community centre that is distinctively Pacific, and is the perfect place to relax in between classes, hang out with friends and meet other Pacific students.

To find out more about the conch, contact our Pacific Student Success Coordinator at pacificsupport@waikato.ac.nz
Scholarships

At Waikato we know a helping hand goes a long way in turning a smart brain into a great mind. We offer several scholarships for new Pacific students:

Edna Money Future Pacific Leaders’ Scholarship – $6000 a year for up to three years

This scholarship aims to provide academically talented Pacific students who demonstrate significant leadership potential the opportunity to study at Waikato. The scholarship can be put towards course fees or accommodation in the Halls of Residence on the Hamilton campus.

Tertiary Achievement in Pacific Ako (TAPA) Award

This scholarship encourages Pacific students to pursue tertiary study at the University of Waikato, with the aim of supporting the achievement and participation of Pacific students in tertiary education. The value of the scholarship is determined by the Selection Panel. To find out more about our Pacific student scholarships, and the many other scholarships on offer visit waikato.ac.nz/scholarships

Kristoffer Lavasi’i

Bachelor of Social Sciences/Bachelor of Laws
Edna Money Future Pacific Leaders’ Scholarship recipient

I’ve always wanted to become more involved with my Pacific heritage, and the University of Waikato has been the perfect place to do this.

I’m a Pacific Leader and a member of the Pacific Law Students Association, which involves organising events and providing support to other Pacific students. My passion is helping others, so I’ve loved being able to support other students.

I was very grateful to receive the Edna Money Future Pacific Leaders’ Scholarship, which provided me with $6,000 for my first three years of study. It’s been amazing to have those financial pressures taken off.

From the Maori and Pacific Careers Evening to the Pacific inter-faculty sports competition, the University of Waikato provides countless opportunities for Pacific students to succeed – so make sure you get involved with everything!

We also offer unlimited school leaver scholarships. If you pass NCEA Levels 2 and 3 with Merit or Excellence, or a combination of both, you’ll automatically receive a scholarship. Find out more at waikato.ac.nz/go/school-leaver
Get in touch

You are welcome to contact us with any questions you have about coming to university, including course planning, accommodation, student life, entry requirements, or to book a campus tour.

Contact our Future Student Advisers on recruitment@waikato.ac.nz or call 0800 WAIKATO

We look forward to welcoming you to the University of Waikato

Meitaki, Fa'afetai, Malo 'apito, Oue tulou, Vinaka vaka levu, Namaste, Fakafetai, Tank iu, Ko rabwa

Living in Hamilton

Our main campus is located in Hamilton, a vibrant and multicultural city with a population of about 160,000. It’s a great place to live and study, with the city centre only a 10 minute drive from campus. The cost of living in Hamilton is relatively cheap, there’s good public transport, plenty of shopping centres, and many parks and gardens.

Hamilton is close to many New Zealand tourist attractions, including Raglan surf beach, Mount Ruapehu ski fields, Waitomo Glowworm Caves and Hobbiton. Hamilton also hosts many regional, national and international events during the year, including Balloons over Waikato, the Boon Street Art Festival, Hamilton Fringe Festival, Soundsplash Festival, and other arts and sports events.

Accommodation

Our on-campus accommodation options provide the perfect place to settle into university life in a safe and secure environment.

We have three fully catered Halls of Residence in Hamilton: Bryant Hall, College Hall and Student Village. There is also one self-catered hall in Hamilton: Orchard Park. Students in the halls receive ongoing academic and cultural support throughout the year. To find out more about the Halls of Residence visit waikato.ac.nz/go/accommodation

There are also plenty of affordable off-campus accommodation options available, such as flats or private boarding. Our accommodation team can help you find the perfect place to live. Contact them at accom@waikato.ac.nz or call 0800 WAIKATO