Purpose
The University of Waikato (UoW) Rugby Development Scholarships were established in 2013 through the partnership between the University of Waikato and the Waikato Rugby Union. The purpose of the scholarships is to foster excellence in high performance sport and to strengthen partnerships with community and national sporting bodies.

Regulations

1. Eligibility
   1.1. To be eligible, applicants must:
       1.1.1. be considered by the Waikato Rugby Union to be genuine prospects for future Waikato Mitre 10 Cup or Farah Palmer Cup Representative Teams;
       1.1.2. be part of the Rugby Union Academy/Development System and/or playing representative rugby for Waikato in the year of tenure;
       1.1.3. be enrolling part- or full-time in an undergraduate programme of study at the University of Waikato in the year of tenure; and
       1.1.4. be a New Zealand citizen or permanent resident.

2. Value
   2.1. The value of the Scholarships will range from $1,000 – $5,000 (refer to clause 7.2.1).
   2.2. The Scholarship will be applied directly to the recipient’s fees account with the University of Waikato.

3. Application
   3.1. Applications must be submitted online by 31 August annually.
   3.2. Applicants must include in their application:
       3.2.1. a curriculum vitae (maximum four A4 pages, including details of any awards and/or media coverage);
       3.2.2. a personal statement (maximum two A4 pages) on the prescribed template outlining:
           3.2.2.1. the position(s) they play in and their achievements in the sport to date;
           3.2.2.2. future rugby performance goals; and
           3.2.2.3. any leadership roles and/or community involvement;
3.2.3. a reference from a person or agency relevant to the applicant’s rugby, attesting to the applicant’s rugby abilities, potential to further excel, and leadership qualities and potential; and
3.2.4. a copy of their most recent physical testing scores.
3.2.5. **School leaver applicants only** – An up-to-date copy of their NZQA School Results Summary.

3.3. Current UoW Rugby Development scholars may re-apply for the Scholarship for the following year (up to a maximum of three years). They must follow the application process as outlined in clauses 3.1 and 3.2 above.

4. **Selection Criteria**
4.1. The selection criteria will be based on academic merit, leadership and sporting potential.
4.2. Current UoW Rugby Development scholars who are re-applying for the Scholarship for the following year must have achieved a minimum grade average of B in their most recent year of study.

5. **Selection Panel**
5.1. The Selection Panel will comprise of the Chair of the Scholarships Committee (as the Chair), the Waikato Rugby Union Emerging Players Manager, the University of Waikato Hillary Programme Manager, and the Director of Student Services (or their nominees).
5.2. The Selection Panel’s decisions are final and no correspondence will be entered into following the selection meeting.

6. **Awarding & Tenure**
6.1. The Scholarship will have a tenure of one year.
6.2. All applicants will be advised of the outcome of their application via email.
6.3. Successful applicants must advise Scholarships in the School of Graduate Research of their acceptance of the Scholarship offer by the prescribed date or the offer will lapse.
6.4. The offer of a Scholarship is subject to the recipient fulfilling all requirements for admission to the University of Waikato.
6.4.1. Recipients must enrol in the programme of study specified in their Scholarship application. Any changes to the recipient’s programme of study must be approved by the Hillary Programme Manager.

7. **Other Conditions**
7.1. The Scholarship may not be held concurrently with a Sir Edmund Hillary Scholarship or Te Paewai o te Rangi: The University of Waikato Scholarship for Outstanding Academic Achievement.
7.2. The Scholarship is co-tenable with any other award, unless the conditions of the other award preclude this.

7.2.1. Recipients of the University of Waikato Rugby Development Scholarship are permitted to hold another University of Waikato school leaver scholarship concurrently, but the value of the Rugby Development Scholarship will be reduced so that the combined total of the scholarships does not exceed $5,000.

7.3. All Scholarship recipients will be expected to play for the Waikato University Rugby Football Club, however, exemptions may be granted by agreement between the Waikato Rugby Union and the University of Waikato taking into account the recipient’s personal and playing commitments.

7.3.1. Recipients must submit an exemption request in writing to the Hillary Programme Manager prior to the commencement of the club rugby season.

7.4. The Scholarships Committee may terminate a Scholarship at any time, and recoup any funds awarded, if it is satisfied that the recipient is not following the approved programme of study or is not otherwise complying with the regulations governing the Scholarship and/or the University of Waikato. The recipient of a Scholarship shall have the right to appeal to the Education Committee against any decision to terminate the award.

7.5. By accepting a Scholarship, the recipient agrees to participate in any reasonable publicity concerning the Scholarship arranged by the University of Waikato and/or the Waikato Rugby Union.