BACKGROUND

Investing in excellence - Te Paewai o te Rangi: The University of Waikato Scholarship for Outstanding Academic Achievement has been established to contribute to the University’s Vision of achieving excellence, distinctiveness and international connectedness.

Te Paewai o te Rangi can be translated to mean the water horizon. It is the place where the ocean meets the sky, and where the sun sets and rises every day. This is the transition point where Tāne traveled on his quest to ascend into the heavens and to suspend the stars in the sky. Metaphorically, Te Paewai o te Rangi describes a person’s journey to achieve excellence. It is the pathway to the stars; an unending pursuit to reach the pinnacle of your desires which in the case of this scholarship is education and knowledge.

Te Paewai o te Rangi is also a pathway where the terrestrial becomes the celestial and people move on to a higher state of being and understanding. It is a point where change occurs and people push the boundaries and go beyond the norm. It is fitting therefore that this scholarship provides a platform for outstanding students to strive for excellence in a programme of study at the University of Waikato and to reach the stars.

The University of Waikato will award 20 Scholarships for Outstanding Academic Achievement annually on the basis of academic excellence, leadership potential, and community citizenship. The Scholarship will be applied to Halls of Residence accommodation costs and tuition fees.

1. Eligibility

1.1. To be eligible, candidates must:

   a) be enrolled in the New Zealand secondary school system or be a New Zealand citizen studying at an overseas secondary school in 2016 and 2017;
   b) be enrolling full-time (a full-time academic year comprises 120 points) in undergraduate study at the University of Waikato for the first time in 2018;\(^1\)
   c) have achieved NCEA Level 2 with Excellence or the equivalent through examinations such as the Cambridge International Examinations (CIE) or the International Baccalaureate (IB) examination (see appendix A).

2. Value

2.1. The value of each Scholarship will be up to $25,000 over three years. The award will be paid as an accommodation and tuition fee credit of $20,000 in year one (with any remaining balance paid to the recipient), a $3,000 tuition fee credit in year two, and a $2,000 tuition fee credit in year three (as per regulation 5.3).

2.2. Recipients will be guaranteed a place in the University’s halls of residence in the first year of the scholarship.

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\(^1\) Candidates who have undertaken STAR papers at the University of Waikato are not excluded by this clause.
2.3. Recipients not residing in the University’s Halls of Residence will forfeit the accommodation credit, and instead be entitled to a total of $15,000 in their first year of study. This will be applied to tuition fees in the first instance, with the remainder paid directly to the recipient.

2.4. The tenure of the scholarship will be up to three years

3. Application

3.1. The closing date for the online applications is **31 August**.

3.2. As part of the online application process, each candidate must provide:
   (a) a personal statement (maximum two-pages) that sets out the following:
      (i) future aspirations
      (ii) leadership experience
      (iii) community involvement and extracurricular activities
   (b) a CV of no more than two A4 pages in length
   (c) References as follows:
      (i) A completed Principals assessment form
      (ii) A reference attesting to the applicant’s leadership qualities and/or community involvement.
   (d) a NCEA School Results Summary

4. Selection Panel

4.1. The Selection Panel will comprise of the Vice-Chancellor (or nominee) and a Professor or Associate Professor nominated by the Vice-Chancellor, the Dean of the School of Graduate Research (in the Chair), the Assistant Vice-Chancellor Student and Information Services, the Associate Director Future Students and the Manager of the School of Graduate Research Scholarships Office).

4.2. The Selection Panel will consider the applications and may contact referees on a confidential basis for further relevant information.

4.3. The Selection Panel’s decision will be final and no correspondence will be entered into following the selection meeting.

5. Awarding

5.1. Successful applicants will be advised of the conditional offer of a Scholarship in writing and must advise the University of their acceptance of the offer by the prescribed date. If the candidate fails to accept the Scholarship within the specified time, the offer will lapse.

5.2. Awarding of the Scholarship will be conditional upon the recipients achieving:
   (a) NCEA Level 3 Certificate with Excellence, or 300 points in the Cambridge International Exams or 36 points in the International Baccalaureate (see appendix B);
   (b) University Entrance
   (c) Admission to their programme of study
5.3. The tenure of the Scholarship may continue for consecutive periods of enrolment for up to three years’ duration, provided that the recipient:
(a) remains enrolled full-time (i.e. a 120 points, usually eight papers)
(b) achieves at least a B+ average across all papers taken in each year of tenure; and,
(c) participates in the prescribed leadership and personal development programme.

5.4. The Scholarships Executive may terminate a Scholarship at any time and recoup any funds disbursed if the holder withdraws from the University, brings the scholarship programme or the University into disrepute, or is otherwise not complying with the conditions governing the Scholarship.

6. Other Conditions

6.1. A Te Paewai o te Rangi may not be held concurrently with any other University of Waikato tuition or accommodation fees school leaver scholarships, including the following:
   a) The University of Waikato School Leaver Scholarship/The University of Waikato School Leaver Scholarship for Excellence
   b) Northland Future Leaders’ School Leaver Scholarship
   c) Te Ara ki Angitū Scholarship
   d) Edna Money Future Pacific Leaders’ Scholarship
   e) Sir Edmund Hillary Scholarship
   f) DV Bryant Trust University of Waikato Residential Scholarship
   g) Te Pua Wananga Kit e Ao – The Faculty of Māori and Indigenous Studies Scholarship for Academic Distinction
   h) Any University of Waikato Faculty-funded tuition or accommodation fees scholarship

6.2. A Te Paewai o te Rangi: The University of Waikato Scholarship for Outstanding Academic Achievement may be held with any other scholarship or award, unless the conditions of the other award preclude this.

6.3. In signing and returning the Scholarship acceptance form, the student will be deemed to have read, understood and accepted the conditions for the award and retention of the Scholarship

6.4. By accepting a Scholarship, the recipient agrees to participate in any publicity concerning the Scholarship as arranged by the University of Waikato.
### NCEA Level 2 with Excellence endorsement

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### NCEA Level 3 with Excellence endorsement

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