Purpose
This Scholarship was established in 2009 by the Faculty of Computing and Mathematical Sciences. The Scholarship supports students enrolling in their second or third year of study towards an undergraduate degree, majoring in Statistics and/or Data Analytics, at the University of Waikato.

Regulations
1. **Eligibility**
   1.1. To be eligible, applicants must be intending to enrol in their second or third year of study towards an undergraduate degree, majoring in Statistics and/or Data Analytics, in the Faculty of Computing and Mathematical Sciences.
   1.2. In exceptional circumstances, the Selection Panel may consider applicants who are enrolling in a Statistics and/or Data Analytics major through another Faculty.
   1.3. Students transferring from another tertiary institution are eligible to apply for this Scholarship.
   1.4. The Scholarship is open to New Zealand citizens, permanent residents and international students.

2. **Value**
   2.1. Up to two Scholarships with a value of **up to $2,500** each will be awarded annually and will be credited directly towards the tuition fees only of the successful applicant(s).
   2.2. The tuition fees credit will not be refundable to a recipient who withdraws from the degree for which they were awarded the Scholarship.

3. **Application**
   3.1. The closing date for applications is **31 October** in the year preceding the year of tenure.
   3.2. Along with the online application form, each applicant must submit:
      3.2.1. a completed personal statement form (refer to the online application form for a copy of the personal statement form); and
      3.2.2. an academic reference from a Mathematics, Statistics or Data Analytics academic staff member from their most recent tertiary institution.

4. **Selection Criteria**
4.1. The Scholarship will be offered on the basis of academic ability, with a minimum grade average of B+ expected for previous 100- and/or 200-level Statistics/Data Analytics papers (with an emphasis on Statistics papers).

4.2. The Selection Panel will also take into consideration the applicant's interest in, and commitment to, Statistics and/or Data Analytics (as demonstrated in their application documents).

5. **Selection Panel**

5.1. The Selection Panel will be comprised of the Chairperson of the Department of Mathematics and Statistics (in the chair), an academic staff member from the Department (as nominated by the Chairperson), and the Faculty representative on the Scholarships Committee (or their nominees).

5.2. The Selection Panel may refrain from making a recommendation if it finds no applicant of sufficient merit.

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

6. **Awarding**

6.1. The successful applicant(s) will be offered the Scholarship on the condition that they enrol full-time in an appropriate programme of study in Semester A of the year of tenure.

7. **Tenure**

7.1. A Scholarship should normally be taken up in the year for which it is offered. However, in exceptional circumstances, the Faculty of Computing and Mathematical Sciences may allow a recipient to defer their Scholarship for a maximum of one year.

7.1.1. Recipients wishing to defer their Scholarship must apply in writing to the School of Graduate Research – Scholarships. Applications for deferment will be considered on a case-by-case basis.

8. **Other Conditions**

8.1. The Scholarship may be held with any other bursary, scholarship or award, provided that the regulations of the other award do not preclude this.

8.2. If a recipient is awarded more than one tuition fees scholarship, then it is expected that the Statistics/Data Analytics Fees Scholarship will be the first scholarship applied towards the recipient’s tuition fees.

8.3. 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 required programme or is not otherwise complying with the regulations of 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.
8.4. By accepting a Scholarship, the recipient agrees to participate in any events or publicity concerning the award arranged by the University of Waikato.