BACKGROUND

The HEBUST programme is a collaborative project in transnational education between the University of Waikato and the Hebei University of Science and Technology, China.

The programme offers courses from the Faculty of Science and Engineering as part of the Materials and Process Management Engineering Degree offered at HEBUST. Waikato provides the course material and academic staff to deliver the programme.

The programme has attracted between 60 and 70 students each year since it commenced in 2016. While the students are taught by Waikato staff to Waikato course outlines, the students graduate with a HEBUST degree. At the end of the third year students who have attained the required English score and passed all of the courses can transfer to Waikato with 180 credit points. Students will be enrolled in the BSc offered by the Faculty of Science and Engineering. On successful completion of the BSc, students will be eligible for the award of both the Waikato and HEBUST degree.

1. Purpose

1.1. The University of Waikato HEBUST Scholarship has been established to assist high achieving students transitioning from Hebei University of Technology (China) studying under the University of Waikato taught Bachelor of Science majoring in Materials Science to complete their final year of study towards the degree.

2. Eligibility

2.1. To be eligible, candidates must:
   a) be transitioning from Hebei University of Technology (China) to the University of Waikato to undertake full-time study towards a Bachelor of Science majoring in Materials Science; and
   b) have achieved a B+ grade point average (GPA) over the last 1.5 years of study at Hebei University of Technology;

3. Value

3.1. The value of the scholarship will be up to $15,000 for a tenure of three semesters i.e. A semester 2018, B semester 2018 and A semester 2019.

3.2. The Scholarship will be paid in three cash instalments after the withdrawal date of each semester and each payment is conditional up on the recipient achieving a B+ grade point average or higher over each semester of study.

4. Application

4.1. The closing dates for applications is 15 November 2017.

4.2. Along with the prescribed application form, each applicant must submit:
   a) A personal statement (template provided) identifying why they wish to complete their qualification at the University of Waikato in New Zealand, what their career goals and aspirations are and how this scholarship will help them to achieve these goals; and
   b) A verified copy of their academic transcript from Hebei University of Technology;
5. Selection Criteria

5.1. Scholarships are awarded on the basis of academic merit, with a minimum grade average of B+ expected for eligibility. GPA calculations will be based on the applicant's last 1.5 years of study at HEBEI University of Technology.

6. Selection Panel

6.1. The Selection Panel will comprise the Associate Dean External Engagement-STEM (in the Chair), the lead Teaching Fellow on the HEBUST Programme (China) and the Faculty of Science and Engineering representative on the University of Waikato Scholarships Committee (or their nominees).

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

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

7. Awarding

7.1. All applicants will be advised of their results of their application in writing following the selection panel meeting.

7.2. The offer of a Scholarship must be accepted by the date indicated in the letter of offer. If an applicant declines a Scholarship, or does not take it up, the Selection Panel may offer the Scholarship to another applicant.

7.3. On receipt, of the acceptance form, recipients will receive an official scholarship letter as confirmation of the acceptance of the Scholarship. This letter may be included with their application for a student visa to study in New Zealand.

7.4. Successful recipients must commence their enrolment at the beginning of A semester 2017 or the offer will be withdrawn.

8. Other Conditions

8.1. The Scholarship may be held together with any scholarship, award, unless the conditions of the other preclude this.

8.2. Successful recipients must reside in New Zealand for the tenure of the Scholarship.

8.3. If a recipient does not maintain the required GPA (B+) then their scholarship will be terminated.

8.4. The Scholarships Committee may terminate a Scholarship at any time and recoup funds awarded, if it is not satisfied that the recipient is following the required programme or is not otherwise complying with the conditions governing the Scholarship and/or the regulations of the University of Waikato.

8.5. The holder of a Scholarship shall have the right to appeal to the Education Committee against any decision to terminate the Scholarship.

8.6. By accepting the offer of a Scholarship, the recipient agrees to participate in any publicity concerning the Scholarship arranged by the University of Waikato.

8.7. Recipients must be in receipt of a valid student visa at the time of commencing study and they must comply with all conditions of this visa.

8.8. In signing and returning the acceptance form, the recipient will be deemed to have read, understood, and accepted the terms and conditions of the Scholarship.