The Edna Money Future Pacific Leaders’ Scholarship was established to provide academically talented Pacific students who demonstrate significant leadership potential an opportunity to study at the University of Waikato. Edna Money was a Morrinsville farmer and accountant who bequeathed the sum of $1 million to the University of Waikato to benefit Pacific students. Through the interest earned on these funds at least one new recipient is supported each year.

1. Purpose

1.1. The purpose of the Edna Money Future Pacific Leaders’ Scholarship is to provide support for students to achieve academically in a programme of study at the University of Waikato.

2. Eligibility

2.1. To be eligible, candidates must:
   a) be enrolling full-time (a full-time academic year comprises 120 points) in undergraduate study at the University of Waikato for the first time\(^1\), commencing in the year following application; and
   b) be a New Zealand citizen or permanent resident and of Pacific Island descent.

3. Value

3.1. The value of the Scholarship will be $6,000 per annum for up to three years paid in cash. The award will be paid in two equal instalments annually. The first instalment of $3,000 will be paid at the commencement of the A semester and the second $3,000 instalment at the commencement of the B semester.

3.2. Provided they meet all accommodation application deadlines, recipients will be guaranteed a placement in the University’s Halls of Residence in their first year of study.

4. Selection Criteria

4.1. The Selection Panel will focus on the following:
   - Academic achievements, i.e. a minimum of NCEA Level 2 endorsed with Merit (or equivalent);
   - Leadership experience, at school and in the wider (especially Pacific) community; and
   - Community and cultural involvement and activities, particularly engagement with Pacific community/communities or concerns.

\(^1\) Candidates who have undertaken STAR papers at the University of Waikato are not excluded by this clause.
5. Application

5.1. The closing date for online applications is **31 August each year**.

5.2. As part of the online application process, each applicant must:
   a) Upload a CV of no more than two A4 pages in length.
   b) Complete (without exceeding three pages in length) and upload the prescribed Personal Statement form that includes the following subheadings:
      - My academic achievements;
      - My experience in leadership;
      - My engagement with Pacific community/communities or concerns; and
      - My future aspirations.
   c) Upload evidence of previous studies, e.g. your NCEA School Results Summary.
   d) Request the submission of the following documents, as stipulated in the application form:
      - A Principal’s Assessment attesting to the applicant's academic achievement and potential, leadership roles, and school/extracurricular activities (especially those with a Pacific focus); and
      - A community reference, attesting to the applicant's activities and roles (especially those with a Pacific focus), in the wider community. This referee may not be a family member.

6. Selection Panel

6.1. The Selection Panel will comprise the Chair of the Scholarships Committee (or nominee) as Chairperson, the Assistant Vice-Chancellor (Pacific), and a Pacific staff member appointed by the Assistant Vice-Chancellor (Pacific).

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

7. Awarding

7.1. Successful applicants will be advised of the offer of a Scholarship in writing, and must advise the School of Graduate Research - Scholarships 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.
   a) If a Scholarship offer is declined or lapses, the Selection Panel may offer a Scholarship to another applicant.

7.2. Scholarship offers will be conditional upon the applicants gaining:
   a) Admission to the University of Waikato; and
   b) Admission to their programme of study.
8. **Tenure**

8.1. The Scholarship will have a maximum tenure of three years.

8.2. The Scholarships may continue for consecutive periods of enrolment for up to three years duration, provided that the recipient:
   a) Is enrolled full-time; and
   b) Achieves at least a B average across all papers taken in each year of tenure.

9. **Other Conditions**

9.1. An Edna Money Future Pacific Leaders’ Scholarship may be held with any other award, unless the conditions of the other award preclude this.

9.2. The Scholarships Committee 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 and/or the regulations of the University of Waikato. The holder of a Scholarship shall have the right to appeal to the Scholarships Executive against any decision to terminate the Scholarship.

9.3. 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.

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