The University of Waikato International Excellence Scholarship was established to promote educational opportunities, foster internationalisation and support talented international students who are enrolling into foundation, undergraduate, or postgraduate programmes for the first time at the University of Waikato.

Scholarships up to $10,000 will be awarded to students from the countries listed in the table below who demonstrate excellent academic achievement and the potential to become global ambassadors for the University. The amount awarded will be dependent on the academic achievement of the student and the length of the programme undertaken.

The International Excellence Scholarship will be applied to tuition fees only and is not transferrable.

Table 1:

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<th>Region</th>
<th>Eligible Countries (by citizenship)</th>
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<tr>
<td>North America</td>
<td>USA, Canada</td>
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<td>Latin America</td>
<td>Brazil, Colombia, Mexico</td>
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<td>Europe</td>
<td>Germany, UK, France, Norway</td>
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<td>East Asia</td>
<td>China, Hong Kong, Taiwan, South Korea, Japan</td>
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<td>South Asia</td>
<td>India, Bangladesh, Sri Lanka, Bhutan, Nepal</td>
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<td>South East Asia</td>
<td>Cambodia, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, Vietnam</td>
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<td>Middle East</td>
<td>Jordan</td>
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<td>Africa</td>
<td>Egypt, Kenya, South Africa, Zambia, Zimbabwe</td>
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1. Eligibility
   1.1. To be eligible, applicants must:
      a) be a citizen of a country listed in Table 1,
      b) be enrolling for the first time into a Certificate of University Preparation (CUP), foundation studies, undergraduate or postgraduate programme at the University of Waikato,
      c) not be classified as a domestic student (see clause 7.2.e),
      d) be in receipt of a Conditional or Formal Offer of Place from the University of Waikato,
      e) have met the English language requirements for admission, or completed a Certificate of Attainment in English at the University of Waikato, prior to beginning studies,
      f) be commencing full-time study in the year of tenure and be intending to study at the University of Waikato for a minimum of 12 months,
      g) be residing in New Zealand for the tenure of the scholarship,
      h) not be coming to the University of Waikato via a sponsoring body, and
      i) not be coming to the University of Waikato on a Guaranteed Credit Arrangement or on a study abroad and student exchange agreement.

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1 All programmes are eligible, except Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) and Master of Philosophy (MPhil).
2 Examples of a sponsoring body are: governments, institutions and employers who fund student scholarships for study.
3 Guaranteed credit arrangements are where an institution outside of New Zealand has a formal agreement with the University of Waikato whereby a student can study part of their degree at the partner institution and credit that study towards 1 – 2 years of study at the University of Waikato.
2. **Value**
   2.1. The Scholarship will have a value up to $10,000 and will be applied directly to the recipient's tuition fees at the beginning of their University of Waikato studies.
   2.1.1. The Scholarship will be prorated (reduced value) for recipients enrolling in programmes of less than 12 months' study.

3. **Application**
   3.1. Applications for the Scholarship must be received by the University of Waikato Scholarships Office on the [prescribed online form](#).
   3.2. Applications can be submitted at any time prior to the start of the programme for which the applicant is holding an offer of place to study. It is strongly recommended that applications are submitted **at least six weeks prior** to the start of the applicant's foundation or degree programme, in order to have sufficient time to obtain a student visa.
   3.3. Applications must be submitted along with:
      a) an Application to Enrol (ATE) to the University of Waikato and must include a grading scale of your qualifications (this can normally be found on the reverse side of your academic transcripts), OR a Conditional or Formal Offer of Place from the University of Waikato; and,
      b) a personal statement (maximum 200 words) that sets out the following:
         - What are your career goals/aspirations?
         - How will an international education experience help you to achieve these goals?
         - What additional qualities/skills do you have that make you an ideal candidate for this scholarship and an ambassador for the University of Waikato?

4. **Selection Process and Panel**
   4.1. Scholarships will be offered on the basis of academic merit and future potential to become global ambassadors for the University of Waikato.
   4.2. Applications will be short-listed by the University's International Regional Managers’ and forwarded to the Selection Panel.
   4.3. The Selection Panel will comprise the Chair of the Scholarships Committee and the Director – International (or their nominees) and will regularly meet to assess applications.
   4.4. The Selection Panel’s decisions are final and no correspondence will be entered into following the selection meeting.

5. **Awarding**
   5.1. Applicants will be advised of the result of their application in writing following the selection meeting.
   5.2. **Successful applicants will receive a scholarship offer which is valid for four weeks.** Students must confirm their acceptance of the Scholarship by the date requested in the offer letter or the Scholarship will be reallocated to another student. Upon confirmation, the recipient will receive an official scholarship letter to include with their student visa application.

6. **Tenure**
   6.1. The Scholarship is tenable only within the year for which it is awarded.

7. **Other Conditions**
   7.1. The Scholarship cannot be held in conjunction with any other University of Waikato funded tuition or accommodation fees scholarship or award and is non-refundable to the student.
7.2. For any of the following reasons, the Scholarships Committee may terminate a Scholarship and recoup any funds dispersed if a recipient:
   a) withdraws from papers without adding sufficient papers to maintain full-time enrolment,
   b) changes to a qualification not covered under this Scholarship,
   c) fails to make satisfactory progress\(^4\) in their first semester of study,
   d) does not comply with the conditions of their student visa,
   e) changes to domestic student status within the tenure of the Scholarship, or
   f) does not comply with the conditions governing the Scholarship and/or the regulations of the University of Waikato.

7.3. The holder of a Scholarship will have the right to appeal to Vice-Chancellor against any decision to terminate a Scholarship.

7.4. In signing and returning the Scholarship acceptance form, the student will be deemed to have read, understood and accepted the conditions of the Scholarship and agreed to participate, if required, in any promotional activity and events organised by the University of Waikato during the Scholarship tenure.

\(^4\) Satisfactory progress: passing a minimum of 30 points per semester.