**BACKGROUND**

The **Acorn Foundation** is a charitable trust which was formed in 2003, to connect generous people who care with causes that matter, forever.

The principal goal of the Foundation is to encourage people to consider making a gift in their will to benefit the local community forever. Funds received are invested in perpetuity, and the investment income is used to support community groups and provide scholarships.

1. **Purpose**
   1.1. The Acorn Foundation Ted Wadsworth Scholarship was established to assist graduates in any discipline who wish to undertake research of 60 points or more in the youth leadership field. Awards will be made on academic merit, financial circumstances, leadership, and contribution to the community.

2. **Eligibility**
   2.1. To be eligible, candidates must:
     a) have graduated from the University of Waikato, Hamilton or Tauranga Campus;
     b) reside in the an area administered by the Tauranga City Council or Western Bay of Plenty District Council or have attended a school in the area; and,
     c) enrol part- or full-time in research papers of 60 points or more in the Youth Leadership field.

3. **Value**
   3.1. One scholarship will be awarded and shall have a value of $3,000.

4. **Application**
   4.1. The closing dates for applications is **30 September**.
   4.2. Applicants should complete the official Acorn Foundation Ted Wadsworth Scholarship application form.
   4.3. The following information must be included on the application:
     a) a personal statement summarising the applicant’s suitability for the award, focusing particularly on their intended research topic, community contribution including leadership roles, and financial circumstances.
     b) a brief CV (no longer than four A4 pages in length)
     c) two references (one academic and one character)

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1 Preference may be given to the approach called Developmental Group Work with Adolescents (See Dr L. Button’s research study with the same title, published by Hodder and Stoughton in London in 1976) and research that includes workshop programmes promoting leadership qualities in young people and young adults that have been developed from the research findings.

2 This amount will be pro-rated for students who enrolled are part-time over the tenure of the Scholarship.
5. Selection Panel

5.1. The panel will comprise of the Tauranga Liaison Partnership Manager (or nominee), a representative of the University’s Scholarships Committee, and the Tauranga Manager - Student and Academic Services (or nominee).

5.2. The Selection Panel may refrain from making a recommendation if it finds no candidate 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 Scholarship will have a maximum tenure of one year.

6.2. The Scholarship will be paid in one lump sum to the recipient after the withdrawal date for a semester in the year following the award.

7. Other Conditions

7.1. The Scholarship may be held with any other prize, scholarship or award.

7.2. The Scholarships Committee may terminate the Scholarship at any time if it is not satisfied that the holder is following the approved programme of study or is not otherwise complying 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 the appropriate University Committee against any decision to terminate the Scholarship.

7.4. The University may from time to time vary these regulations after consultation with the Acorn Foundation.

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3 Student appeals for University of Waikato Scholarship granted for undergraduate or completely taught postgraduate level study should be made to the Education Committee; student appeals for research level study (e.g. Masters) should be made to the Research Committee.