Sir Edmund Hillary Scholarships

Purpose
The Sir Edmund Hillary Scholarship is the University of Waikato's premier school leaver scholarship. It supports school leaver students to excel in a sporting code or creative or performing art, to achieve high academic standards, and to develop leadership qualities through a tailored leadership and personal development programme.

For more information, visit the website: www.waikato.ac.nz/about/hillary/

1. Eligibility

1.1. To be eligible, applicants must:

1.1.1. be completing their final year of secondary school in the year prior to taking up the Scholarship;

1.1.2. Students who are taking a ‘gap year’ in 2017 may also apply for the Scholarship (refer to clause 3.2.7), providing they meet the eligibility criteria.

1.1.3. be a New Zealand citizen or permanent resident, or an Australian citizen who will be resident in New Zealand for the duration of their undergraduate qualification;

1.1.4. demonstrate significant achievement to date and potential to further excel in either

1.1.4.1. a sporting code, or

1.1.4.2. a creative or performing art; and

1.1.5. demonstrate a strong potential for leadership.

1.2. Consideration of applications will also be subject to an assessment of:

1.2.1. the alignment of the sport or creative or performing art concerned to the University’s Vision and to the Sir Edmund Hillary Scholarship Programme’s Purpose; and

1.2.2. the University’s capability, in conjunction with relevant local agencies, to provide access to facilities and developmental support appropriate to the sport or creative or performing art.

1 International students may only apply for the Scholarship by invitation and with the support of a Sport or Art partner. Should an international student be awarded a Scholarship, the Scholarship will cover the equivalent of the recipient’s tuition fees at domestic rates. It will be the responsibility of the student to pay the balance of their fees.

2 For a list of the creative/performing arts and sporting codes currently supported, please refer to the Hillary Scholarship website (www.waikato.ac.nz/about/hillary/partners.shtml).
1.3. When selecting recipients, the Selection Panel may also take into account the applicant’s willingness and ability to fully participate in, and contribute to, the Sir Edmund Hillary Scholarship Programme.

2. **Value**

2.1. The value of each Scholarship will be **up to $10,000 per annum** for the duration of the recipient’s undergraduate qualification, subject to the recipient maintaining the required level of performance (refer to section 7).

2.2. Annually, the Scholarship will first be credited towards the recipient’s University of Waikato tuition fees. The remaining balance will then be paid directly to the recipient after the third week of B Semester.

2.2.1. Some Scholarship recipients will be unable to enrol full-time (a full-time academic year comprises 120 points) as a result of their individual sporting or creative/performing art programme. In these circumstances, the annual value of their Scholarship may vary (refer to the table in Appendix 1 for further details).

3. **Application**

3.1. Applications must be received on the prescribed online form **by 31 August** in the year preceding the intended year of tenure.

3.2. Applicants must include in their application:

   3.2.1. a curriculum vitae (maximum four A4 pages, including details of any awards and/or media coverage);

   3.2.2. a personal statement (maximum two A4 pages) outlining how their achievements demonstrate alignment with the values of Sir Edmund Hillary in terms of:

       3.2.2.1. excellence in a sport or creative or performing art and future performance goals;

       3.2.2.2. taking on leadership roles and actively participating in groups, organisations and/or communities; and

       3.2.2.3. striving to succeed academically;

   3.2.3. a reference from a person or agency relevant to the sporting code or creative or performing art concerned, attesting to the applicant’s abilities in that sport or art, potential to further excel, and leadership qualities and potential;

   3.2.4. a completed Principal’s assessment form; and

   3.2.5. an up-to-date copy of their NZQA School Results Summary.

   3.2.6. **Creative and performing art applicants only.** All dance, graphic design, Māori creative & performing arts, music, screen and media, and theatre studies applicants are required to provide copies of creative works or recordings of performances in support of their application. Other arts applicants may choose to do so if they feel such material would be helpful to the Selection Panel.

   3.2.7. **‘Gap year’ applicants only** are required to provide an additional one-page statement outlining the details of what they accomplished in the year between secondary and tertiary study.
3.3. Incomplete applications will not be considered.

4. Academic Criteria
4.1. Applicants must, by 23 February 2018, have:
   4.1.1. achieved a minimum of NCEA Level 3 with a Merit endorsement; and
   4.1.2. achieved University Entrance AND admission to their programme of study; OR
   4.1.3. achieved by other means, such as the Cambridge International Examinations or
   the International Baccalaureate examination, a standard of academic
   achievement deemed by the University to be equivalent to 4.1.1 and 4.1.2 above.

5. Selection Panel
5.1. The Sir Edmund Hillary Scholarship Selection Panel will comprise of the Chair of the
Scholarships Committee (as the Chair), the Hillary Programme Manager, an academic
Faculty representative for sport appointed by the Chair, an academic Faculty
representative for creative performance appointed by the Chair and a current or past
high achieving Hillary Scholar appointed by the Chair.
5.2. The Selection Panel:
   5.2.1. considers and ranks the applications and may contact referees on a confidential
basis for further relevant information;
   5.2.2. may consult with representatives of relevant sporting or creative agencies to
assess the standing of any achievements listed in the applicant’s portfolio;
   5.2.3. may, at its discretion, require the applicant to undertake an interview or audition;
   5.2.4. submits its recommendations for the Scholarships to the Scholarships Executive
for final approval.
5.3. The Scholarships Executive’s decisions are final and no correspondence will be
entered into following the selection meeting.

6. Awarding
6.1. All applicants will be advised of the outcome of their application via email.
6.2. Successful applicants must advise the School of Graduate Research of their
acceptance of the Scholarship offer by the prescribed date or the offer will lapse.
6.3. Acceptance of the offer carries with it a commitment by the student to participate in a
leadership and personal development programme provided by the University to assist
the student to maximise performance in his or her sporting or artistic endeavour, and
develop leadership skills, while maintaining academic standards.

7. Tenure & Retention of the Scholarship
7.1. The Scholarship is awarded initially for one year and must be taken up in the year for
which it is awarded.
7.2. Recipients of the Scholarship are required to enrol full-time (a full-time academic year
comprises 120 points) at the University of Waikato for the duration of their Scholarship,
unless their commitments to their sport or creative/performing art prevent this. In these
circumstances, recipients may write to the Sir Edmund Hillary Scholarship Programme Executive for approval to enrol part-time³.

7.3. Tenure of the Scholarship may continue for the consecutive period of enrolment required to complete the relevant qualification, provided that the recipient:

7.3.1. achieves at least a B+ grade average across all papers taken each year;

7.3.2. sustains a level of performance in their sporting code or creative or performing art, to the satisfaction of the Sir Edmund Hillary Scholarship Programme Executive; and

7.3.3. fulfils the leadership and personal development aspects of the programme, to the satisfaction of the Sir Edmund Hillary Scholarship Programme Executive.

7.4. Through the School of Graduate Research, the University regularly monitors the student’s performance, and reserves the right to impose further conditions where the student’s progress, conduct or participation is unsatisfactory.

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

7.6. The recipient of a Scholarship shall have the right to appeal to the Education Committee against any decision to terminate the award.

8. Other Conditions

8.1. The Scholarship may not be held concurrently with any other University of Waikato tuition fees scholarship, including (but not limited to) the following:

8.1.1. Te Paewai o te Rangi: The University of Waikato Scholarship for Outstanding Academic Achievement

8.1.2. The University of Waikato School Leaver Scholarship / The University of Waikato School Leaver Scholarship with Excellence

8.1.3. Northland Future Leaders’ School Leaver Scholarship

8.1.4. Te Ara ki Angitū Scholarship

8.1.5. Edna Money Future Pacific Leaders’ Scholarship

8.1.6. Any University of Waikato Faculty-funded tuition fees scholarship

8.2. The Scholarship is co-tenable with any other award not excluded by clause 8.1 above, unless the conditions of the other award preclude this.

8.3. If, during the tenure of the award, a student withdraws from any paper(s) after the University’s withdrawal deadline, they will be liable for the relevant fees.

8.3.1. In special circumstances (such as unavoidable withdrawal from study due to commitments directly associated with the student’s sporting, creative or performing art endeavours consistent with the intent of the Scholarship), the Sir Edmund Hillary Scholarship Programme Executive may offer an exemption or

³ Refer to clause 2.2.1 for information on how part-time enrolment affects the value of the Sir Edmund Hillary Scholarship.
waiver in respect of the provisions of these regulations if an appeal for withdrawal on compassionate grounds is unsuccessful.

8.4. There is an expectation that all Scholarship recipients in the sports of cricket, football, hockey, netball, rowing and rugby will normally play for the respective Waikato University Club, being Hamilton Star University Cricket Club, Waikato Unicol AFC, Waikato University Hockey Club, University of Waikato Netball Club, Waikato Rowing Club and Waikato University Rugby Football Club. However, exemptions may be granted by agreement between the recipient and the Hillary Programme Manager, in consultation with the Sir Edmund Hillary Scholarship Programme Executive.

8.5. With regard to representative competition it is preferred that Scholarship recipients represent their sport in the region in which they are studying; Waikato for students at the Hamilton campus or the Bay of Plenty for students studying at the Tauranga campus. However, a Hillary Scholar may, by agreement of the Sir Edmund Hillary Scholarship Programme Executive, continue to represent his/her ‘home’ (or existing) region if it is within the University’s primary recruitment area, refer to Appendix 2, and if:

8.5.1. the Scholar is in receipt of a Prime Minister’s Scholarship; and/or

8.5.2. the existing support structures available to the Scholar are such that it would be a disadvantage for the Scholar to change representative status.

8.6. Where approval is given for a Hillary Scholar to represent their ‘home’ (or existing) region, a condition of this approval will be that the Scholar will be asked to support the sport in the area in which they are studying. This will be discussed as part of the Leadership and Personal Development Programme.
Appendix 1

Total value of Sir Edmund Hillary Scholarship based on points per annum

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