The University of Waikato Foundation Studies Scholarship was established to promote educational opportunities and support talented international students who are enrolling for the first time into the Certificate of Attainment in Foundation Studies (CAFS) or the Certificate of University Preparation (CUP) at the University of Waikato.

The Scholarship will be applied to tuition fees only and is not transferrable. Students are required to pay their tuition fees and apply for a student visa. The University will transfer the scholarship funding to the student’s tuition fees account once their enrolment has been completed.

1. Eligibility
   1.1. To be eligible, applicants must:
      a) be an international student,
      b) not yet be enrolled at the University of Waikato at the time of application,
      c) be applying to enrol for the first time into the University of Waikato Foundation Studies programme,
      d) not be classified as a domestic student (see clause 7.2.e),
      e) have received a conditional offer of a place for the foundation programme and a conditional offer for an undergraduate degree at the University of Waikato,
      f) be residing in New Zealand for the tenure of the scholarship,
      g) not be coming to the University of Waikato via a sponsoring body¹, and
      h) not be coming to the University of Waikato on a Guaranteed Credit Arrangement², or through a study abroad or student exchange agreement.

2. Value
   2.1. The Scholarship will have a value up to NZD$5,000 for the Standard Foundation Programme and up to NZD$2,500 for the Accelerated Foundation or Certificate of University Preparation programmes. The Scholarship will be applied directly to the recipient’s tuition fees:
      a) Students taking the Standard Foundation Programme commencing in Semester A, will receive their tuition fees credit for Semester A and B paid on enrolment. Students taking the Accelerated Foundation programme or the Certificate of University Preparation, will receive their tuition fees credit in Semester A only, paid on enrolment;
      b) Students commencing in Semester B or C will have half the amount of the Scholarship credited to their tuition fees, once enrolled in either semesters. The remainder of the Scholarship will be paid in the following year, once enrolment in Semester A is confirmed.

3. Application
   3.1. Applications for the Scholarship must be received by:
      • 15 November (for offers commencing in A Semester 2018)
      • 15 March (for offers commencing in B Semester 2018)
      • 15 August (for offers commencing in C Semester 2018)
   3.2. Applications must be submitted after receiving a foundation and degree offer but prior to accepting and paying tuition fees.

¹ Examples of a sponsoring body are: governments, institutions and employers who fund student scholarships for study.
² 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.
3.3. Applicants must upload the following as part of their online application:
   a) Their Offer of Place from the University of Waikato; and,
   b) a personal statement (maximum 200 words) that sets out the following (on the template provided):
      - What are your career goals/aspirations?
      - How will an international education experience help you to achieve these goals?

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).
   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 two weeks. Students must confirm their acceptance of the Scholarship by the date requested in the offer letter after which time the offer of Scholarship will automatically lapse and no longer be valid.
   5.3. If for any reason a recipient is unable to take up their offer of scholarship in the semester for which it is offered, they may request a deferral of their offer of scholarship. This request must be made in writing to the Scholarships Office at scholarships@waikato.ac.nz and will be considered on a case-by-case basis.
   5.4. If a request to defer is not received, and the recipient does not enrol in the specified semester, the offer of Scholarship will be withdrawn.
   5.5. Recipients will receive an official scholarship letter as confirmation of the acceptance of the Scholarship. This letter may be included with their student visa application.

6. Tenure
   6.1. The tenure is one year for the Standard Foundation Programme and six months for the Accelerated Foundation Programme and Certificate of University of Preparation.
   6.2. The Scholarship is valid 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 or Education New Zealand’s scholarship or award.
   7.2. This Scholarship is not refundable to the student.
   7.3. For any of the following reasons, the Scholarships Executive 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 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.
7.4. The recipient will have the right to appeal against any decision to terminate a Scholarship by writing to Scholarships in the School of Graduate Research who will forward the appeal to the relevant committee.

7.5. In signing and returning the Scholarship acceptance form, the student will be deemed to have read, understood and accepted the regulations for this Scholarship.

7.6. Recipients of this Scholarship agree to participate, if required, in any promotional activity and events organised by the University of Waikato during the tenure of the Scholarship.

3 Education Committee or Research Committee as applicable.