Purposes

The University of Waikato recognises the importance of the achievements of our secondary school students and has committed to acknowledging and rewarding their successes through School Leaver Scholarships. The University of Waikato Academic Merit School Leaver Scholarship – B Semester is one of two awards offered by the University to recognise academic excellence and merit in the National Certificate of Educational Achievement (NCEA), or in the Cambridge International Examinations (CIE), International Baccalaureate (IB), or an Australian equivalent.

The Scholarship can be applied towards the tuition fees for their programme of study or accommodation fees in a University hall of residence.

Regulations

1. The award shall be known as the University of Waikato Academic Merit School Leaver Scholarship – B Semester 2017.

2. There is no formal application required for this Scholarship.

3. To be eligible for consideration for this Scholarship, candidates must meet the following criteria:
   a. Be a New Zealand: citizen, permanent resident or temporary permit holder, or be an Australian citizen
   b. Have achieved University Entrance
   c. Have achieved the NCEA Level 3 Certificate with a Merit endorsement, or equivalent, through a New Zealand or Australian secondary school
   d. Apply to enrol at the University of Waikato by the B semester 2017 deadline for new students

4. Candidates will be considered in two tiers:
   4.1. Tier 1 - be enrolling full-time in an undergraduate degree at the University of Waikato for the first time and commencing study in B Semester 2017, with the intention to enrol full-time in A semester 2018.
   4.2. Tier 2 – have completed a semester at another university and are seeking to enrol full-time in an undergraduate degree at the University of Waikato commencing in B Semester 2017.

5. Candidates who are identified as meeting the criteria and who are accepted into a full-time undergraduate degree programme for B Semester 2017 will be offered a Scholarship.

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1 The other award is the Vice-Chancellor’s Academic Excellence School Leaver Scholarship – B Semester 2017.
2 The Cambridge International Examinations (CIE) or the International Baccalaureate (IB) Diploma with an appropriate number of points (as detailed in Appendix A); the Australian secondary school equivalencies (as detailed in Appendix B).
3 Students who have undertaken STAR papers at the University of Waikato are not excluded by this clause.
6. The candidate must accept the Scholarship by signing and returning the Scholarship acceptance form to the University, ideally with the candidate’s Enrolment Agreement.

7. This Scholarship will have a value of:
   - Tier 1 - $3,000 paid in two instalments of $1,500, the first upon enrolment in B Semester 2017 and the second upon enrolment in A Semester 2018.
   - Tier 2 - $1,500 paid upon enrolment in B semester 2017

7.1 Recipients may choose to have the Scholarship applied either to tuition fees or to accommodation charges in a University hall of residence in 2017.

8. A University of Waikato Academic Merit School Leaver – B Semester Scholarship cannot be held in conjunction with a Sir Edmund Hillary Scholarship or with a Vice-Chancellor’s Academic Excellence School Leaver – B Semester Scholarship. It may be held with any other award, unless the conditions of this Scholarship or of the other award preclude this.

9. The Scholarship is non-refundable. If a student withdraws from the University, they may apply for a refund of fees paid that were not covered by the Scholarship (under the provisions of the Fees Regulations).

10. Scholars must remain enrolled full-time for the year of tenure of the Scholarship:
    a. Tier 1 tenure: 1 year
    b. Tier 2 tenure: 6 months

11. Should the candidate withdraw from any papers without adding sufficient papers to maintain an overall enrolment for B semester 2017 and/or A semester 2018, the Scholarship must be repaid in full.

12. International students must comply with Immigration New Zealand (INZ) requirements, which includes holding a valid Student Visa throughout the tenure of studies.

13. In signing and returning the Scholarship acceptance form, the student will be deemed to have read, understood and accepted the conditions of the award of the Scholarship.

14. School leavers who took a ‘gap year’ in 2016 will be assessed on a case by case basis and should contact the School of Graduate Research, scholarships@waikato.ac.nz for further information.

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4 If the Enrolment Agreement has already been returned, the Scholarship acceptance form should be returned separately (to Student Administration, Student Centre (Level 2), University of Waikato, Private Bag 3105, Hamilton 3240).
## APPENDIX A – CIE and IB equivalences to NCEA Level 3 with Merit endorsement

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<td>Level of achievement</td>
<td>200 points on the UCAS(^5) tariff, at AS or A level in four subjects equivalent to the NZQA-approved subjects, with at least 30 points in each of those four subjects</td>
<td>30 points in the Diploma</td>
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<td>Assessment</td>
<td>Will occur when candidates provide results(^6)</td>
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## APPENDIX B – Australian Secondary School Merit Endorsement Equivalences

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<th>Australian Tertiary Admission Rank (ATAR)</th>
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<td>NSW, ACT, VIC, NT, WA</td>
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\(^5\) Universities & Colleges Admissions Service

\(^6\) School leavers who complete CIE and/or an IB Diploma in 2016 will have to provide the University with a verified copy of their results by 3 July 2017.