1. **Purpose**

   1.1. Te Pūtea Tautoko will be awarded to applicants of Māori ethnicity, who have proven academic potential but whose financial circumstances are severely constrained, or for whom there are other special circumstances, which would make such an award a significant means of enhancing their academic success.

2. **Eligibility**

   2.1. To be eligible, applicants must:

   2.1.1. be enrolled part- or full-time and be completing the final year of an undergraduate, graduate, or postgraduate degree at the University of Waikato in 2017; and,

   2.1.2. be a New Zealand citizen or permanent resident of New Zealand of Māori ethnicity.

3. **Value**

   3.1. The value of the Award will be **up to** $3,000.

   3.2. The Award will be paid to the successful recipient in two equal sums in the year of tenure. The first will be paid upon confirmation of the recipient’s enrolment in an approved programme of study.

   3.2.1. The second will be paid on confirmation that the student has remained enrolled and passed their A semester papers.

   3.3. The number and value of Awards in any year will be determined by the Selection Panel.

4. **Application**

   4.1. The closing date for applications is **31 March**.

   4.2. Along with the prescribed application form, each applicant must submit:

   4.2.1. a one page personal statement explaining:

       a) your suitability for this Award;

       b) how the award will assist your studies in the academic year; and,

       c) any cultural and/or community involvement (especially that with a Māori focus), both on and off campus.

   4.2.2. the completed online Financial Questionnaire;

   4.2.3. a CV (no longer than four A4 pages in length); and,

   4.2.4. a reference supporting your application (**this cannot be from an immediate family member**).
5. **Selection Criteria**
   5.1. Applications will be assessed on the information provided in clause 4.2.
   5.2. Preference may be given to applicants enrolled at postgraduate level or from areas of study where Māori students are underrepresented.

6. **Selection Panel**
   6.1. The Selection Panel will comprise of the Pro Vice-Chancellor (Māori) as Chair, the Chairperson of the Scholarships Committee, a senior Māori academic nominated by the Pro Vice-Chancellor (Māori) and the University’s Senior Advisor for Māori Equity, (or their nominees).
   6.2. The Selection Panel’s decision is final and no correspondence will be entered into following the selection meeting.

7. **Awarding and Retention**
   7.1. The Award is conditional on the recipient being enrolled part- or full-time in their final year of an undergraduate, graduate, or postgraduate degree at the University of Waikato in the year of tenure.
   7.2. The offer of an Award must be accepted by the date indicated in the letter of offer.
   7.3. The Award will have a maximum tenure of one year and must be taken up in the year for which it is offered.
   7.4. The Scholarships Executive may terminate an Award at any time and recoup any funds awarded, if it is not satisfied that the recipient is following the required programme or is not otherwise complying with the conditions governing the Award and/or the regulations of the University of Waikato.
   7.4.1. The holder of an Award shall have the right to appeal to the Vice-Chancellor against any decision to terminate the Award.

8. **Other Conditions**
   8.1. By accepting an Award the recipient agrees to make early contact with the Māori Mentor Coordinator of their faculty and to follow any prescribed programme of support recommended to them.
   8.2. The Award may be held together with other awards, unless the conditions of the other preclude this.
   8.2.1. Recipients who have received funding from other Equity Grant awards may be limited to an overall total of funding from any/all Equity Grant funded awards.
   8.3. Awards may not be used for the payment of enrolment fees at the University of Waikato. Rather, they are intended to defray course related expenses i.e. study materials, living costs and conference and workshop attendance.
8.4. In signing and returning the acceptance form, the candidate will be deemed to have read, understood, and accepted conditions for the Award.

8.5. By accepting an Award, the recipient agrees to participate in any publicity concerning the scholarship arranged by the University of Waikato.