

# Sir Edmund Hillary Scholarships

## Regulations

The purpose of the Sir Edmund Hillary Scholarship is to provide support for school leaver students to achieve a high academic standard in an undergraduate programme of study at the University of Waikato, excellence in a sporting code or creative or performing art, 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/](http://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;

1.1.1.1. Students who are taking a 'gap year' in 2016 may also apply for the Scholarship (refer to regulation 3.2.7), providing they meet the eligibility criteria.

1.1.2. be a New Zealand citizen or permanent resident<sup>1</sup>;

1.1.3. demonstrate academic achievement, as defined under section 4 below;

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<sup>2</sup> 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.

1.3. 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.

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<sup>1</sup> 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.

<sup>2</sup> 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](http://www.waikato.ac.nz/about/hillary/partners.shtml)).

## 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 (i.e. 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 for the Scholarship must be received by the University of Waikato Scholarships Office on the prescribed online form **by 31 August** in the year preceding the intended year of tenure.
- 3.2. Applicants must include with their application:
  - 3.2.1. a curriculum vitae (including a one-page summary of relevant achievements, newspaper articles & awards);
  - 3.2.2. a (maximum two-page) personal statement that briefly presents the following:
    - 3.2.2.1. best performance to date and why;
    - 3.2.2.2. future aspirations for artistic or sporting endeavours; and
    - 3.2.2.3. leadership & community involvement;
  - 3.2.3. a reference from an 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 Record of Achievement.
  - 3.2.6. **Creative and performing art applicants only.** Where relevant, copies of creative works or recordings of performances should be provided. Please note that all dance, graphic design, music, screen and media, and theatre studies students are required to submit a USB, DVD or CD containing recordings of performances / examples of work. 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 24 February 2017, 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 Dean of the School of Graduate Research (in the chair), the Hillary Programme Manager, the Sport Relationship Manager (or their nominees), an academic Faculty representative for sport and an academic Faculty representative for creative performance appointed by the Dean of the School of Graduate Research.

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. Successful applicants will be advised of the offer of a Scholarship via email and must advise the University's Scholarships Office of their acceptance of the offer by the prescribed date.

- 6.2. 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 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-time<sup>3</sup>.
- 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 Scholarships Office, 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 in conjunction with any other tuition fees scholarships awarded by the University of Waikato.
- 8.2. The Scholarship may be held with any other bursary, scholarship or award, provided that the regulations of the other award do not preclude this.

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<sup>3</sup> Refer to clause 2.2.1 for information on how part-time enrolment affects the value of the Sir Edmund Hillary Scholarship.

- 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 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 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**

<b>Points Enrolled</b>	<b>Scholarship Value</b>
0 - 15 points	\$1,250
16 - 30 points	\$2,500
31 - 45 points	\$3,750
46 - 60 points	\$5,000
61 - 75 points	\$6,250
76 - 90 points	\$7,500
91 - 105 points	\$8,750
106 - 120 points (or more)	\$10,000

# Primary Recruitment Area



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