

WSU Scholarship for Cultural Contribution - 2024



THE UNIVERSITY OF
WAIKATO
Tē Whare Wānanga o Waikato

The WSU Scholarship for Cultural Contribution was established to recognise and celebrate students who demonstrate outstanding cultural contribution to the University of Waikato. Up to one award will be made each year.



1. Eligibility and Selection Criteria

1.1. **To be eligible**, applicants must:

1.1.1. have **completed at least 120-points** (i.e., one full-time year of academic study) at the University of Waikato, at the time of application;

1.1.2. be enrolled (part- or full-time) in the second year or above of their qualification at the University of Waikato; and

1.1.3. be a NZ Citizen, NZ Permanent Resident, NZ Resident Class Visa holder, or Australian Citizen/Permanent Resident domiciled in NZ or international student.

1.2. Current members of the Waikato Students' Union Executive, or employees of the Waikato Students' Union who hold a fixed-term or continuing contract, **are not eligible** to apply.

1.3. The Scholarship may be held on only one occasion and previous recipients **are not eligible** to apply.

1.4. **Selection will be based on** outstanding cultural contribution to the University of Waikato, assessed on the following possible items:

1.4.1. contributions to a cultural community within and outside of the University, and/or

1.4.2. artistic contribution, and/or

1.4.3. involvement in promoting and enhancing activities that add to the student experience on campus, and/or

1.4.4. involvement in University of Waikato clubs/groups.

2. Value, Tenure and Awarding

2.1. The value of the Scholarship will be \$2,000 and will be paid directly into the recipient's bank account in one lump sum as soon as practicable after acceptance of the Award.

2.2. It is expected that the Scholarship will be used to help defray course and living costs.

2.3. The Scholarship will have a maximum tenure of one year.

2.4. In accepting the Scholarship, the recipient will be deemed to have read, understood, and accepted the conditions of the Scholarship and the [Scholarships Policy](#).

2.5. On the recommendation of the panel, the Scholarship may be shared.

3. Application

- 3.1. The closing date for applications is **31 May** annually.
- 3.2. As part of the online application process, each applicant must:
 - 3.2.1. complete the personal statement questions addressing the selection criteria outlined in clause 1.4;
 - 3.2.2. provide a brief CV (no more than two A4 pages in length);
 - 3.2.3. request submission of two references from two different people, who are **not a family member**, supporting their cultural contribution to the University of Waikato.

4. Selection Panel

- 4.1. The Selection Panel will comprise a representative of the University of Waikato Scholarships Committee (as nominated by the Chair of the Scholarships Committee) in the Chair, the President of the Waikato Students' Union, the Vice President of the Waikato Students' Union, one Director of the Waikato Students' Union (nominated by the President), and the General Manager of the Waikato Students' Union.
- 4.2. The Selection Panel may refrain from making a recommendation if it finds no applicant of sufficient merit.
- 4.3. The Selection Panel's decision is final, and no correspondence will be entered into following the selection meeting.

5. Other Conditions

- 5.1. The Scholarship may not be held together with WSU John Houstoun Memorial Award or the WSU Sole Caregiver Award, but may be held with any other scholarship, award or prize, unless the conditions of the other award preclude this.
- 5.2. Recipients should seek independent financial advice about any tax implication of their Scholarship.
- 5.3. The Scholarships Committee may terminate the Scholarship at any time, and recoup any funds disbursed, if the holder withdraws from the University of Waikato, brings the Scholarship, University or Sponsor into disrepute¹, or is otherwise not complying with the conditions governing the Scholarship and/or the regulations of the University of Waikato. The holder of the Scholarship shall have the right to appeal to the Scholarships Executive against any decision to terminate the Scholarship.
- 5.4. By accepting a Scholarship, the recipient agrees to participate in any publicity concerning the Scholarship arranged by the Waikato Students' Union or the University of Waikato, and agrees to attend a presentation ceremony to collect the Scholarship.
- 5.5. The Scholarships Committee, in consultation with the WSU, has the power to amend or vary these regulations provided that there is no departure from the main purpose of the Scholarship.

¹ See [Code of Student Conduct](#).