UNIVERSITY OF WAIKATO CHIEFS DOCTORAL SCHOLARSHIP REGULATIONS

The University of Waikato Chiefs Doctoral Scholarship has been established through the partnership between the Chiefs and the University of Waikato. The University of Waikato is committed to strengthening partnerships with community and national sporting bodies to foster excellence in high performance sport.

The Scholarship will support two doctoral candidates to undertake research in, ‘Enhancing performance and recovery in elite rugby players’ and ‘Enhancing decision making in elite rugby players’. This involves working with elite rugby players and coaching staff from the Chiefs rugby union team and expert researchers from the University of Waikato.

The University of Waikato Chiefs Doctoral Scholarship includes tuition fees and a living allowance for three years. Two Scholarships are available in 2015.

1. Eligibility Criteria

1.1. The Scholarship is open to New Zealand citizens, permanent residents, and international students.

1.2. Scholarships are awarded on academic merit. A minimum grade of A– in the previous two years of full-time study (four years if part-time) is expected for eligibility.

1.2.1. Other factors taken into consideration include; references, prior research, work experience, and publications.

1.3. Applicants must demonstrate how their intended research will:

a) Enhance performance and recovery in elite rugby players; or,

b) Enhance decision making in elite rugby players.

1.4. Preference will be given to candidates who have already completed the entry qualifications for doctoral study. Candidates already enrolled in a doctoral degree at the University of Waikato may apply. However, the Selection Panel will favour applications from new doctoral students.

1.5. The offer of a University of Waikato Chiefs Doctoral Scholarship may only be taken up by candidates who have formally completed the entry qualifications for, and then enrol full-time in, doctoral studies at the University of Waikato.

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1 Comprehensive guidelines, advice, and forms for applying for Postgraduate study can be found at http://www.waikato.ac.nz/sasd/postgraduate
2. Application

2.1. The closing date for applications is **11 September 2015**.

2.2. Applications should be submitted via the online form [http://www.waikato.ac.nz/research/scholarships/UoWChiefsDoctoralScholarship.shtml](http://www.waikato.ac.nz/research/scholarships/UoWChiefsDoctoralScholarship.shtml)

2.2.1. Applicants must clearly demonstrate an alignment between their intended research and the specified research areas (see clause 1.3.a and 1.3.b).

2.3. Incomplete applications will not be considered.

2.4. The Selection panel may choose to interview shortlisted candidates.

3. Value

3.1. The Scholarship includes a living allowance of up to $22,000 per annum, payable in monthly instalments, and the domestic tuition fees for enrolment in the doctoral programme during the term of the Scholarship.

3.2. A thesis preparation grant of up to $400 is available to assist with thesis printing costs provided the thesis is submitted within four years of the commencement of doctoral enrolment.

4. Selection

4.1. The Selection Panel will comprise of up to two representatives from the Chiefs, the Chair of Scholarships Committee (or nominee), and the University of Waikato academic staff members who will be a supervisors for the research.

4.2. All applicants will be advised in writing of the outcome of their application.

4.3. The Panel’s decision is final; no correspondence will be entered into following the selection meeting.

5. Awarding

5.1. The Scholarship offer must be accepted within two weeks after the formal offer of the award is made. If the applicant fails to accept the award within the two week period, the offer shall lapse.

5.2. A Scholarship may only be taken up by a candidate who has formally completed the entry qualifications for, and then enrols in, doctoral studies.

5.3. The tenure of the scholarship shall commence on or before **1 November 2015**, unless otherwise negotiated with the research supervisor and the Chiefs. During the tenure of the Scholarship, recipients must be enrolled **full-time** in their approved programme of research.

5.4. If a recipient does not start within this time period, the Scholarship Offer will be withdrawn.

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2 The Scholarship does not cover the other enrolment fees, for example the Student Services Levy.
6. Tenure

6.1. The total term of the Doctoral Scholarship will not exceed three years of full-time doctoral enrolment.

6.1.1. Termination of, or withdrawal from, the full-time programme of doctoral study for which a Scholarship has been awarded, shall constitute termination of the Scholarship.

6.2. Should a recipient submit their thesis for examination during the Scholarship period (and provided the candidate remains enrolled), the Scholarship will end after its full term or upon the recipient’s completion of doctoral study, whichever is the earlier date. Completion occurs when the Postgraduate Research Committee recommends the awarding of the degree.

7. Co-tenure

7.1. The recipient must advise the Scholarships Committee (via the Scholarships Office), in writing, of any other awards they receive during the tenure of a University of Waikato Scholarship.

7.2. The recipient may hold lower-value awards, provided the combined value of all other awards does not exceed fifty per cent of the living allowance of the University of Waikato Chiefs Doctoral Scholarship in any one year.

7.3. If offered an award with a higher-value than a University of Waikato Chiefs Doctoral Scholarship, which also allows co-tenure, the recipient may apply to the Scholarships Committee and the Chiefs for permission to receive the additional funding while retaining up to fifty per cent of the current living allowance of the Scholarship. Applications would be considered on a case-by-case basis.

7.4. The recipient of a Scholarship cannot also be a recipient of a University of Waikato Doctoral Scholarship.

8. Employment

8.1. Scholarship recipients will not be permitted to undertake paid employment that exceeds fifteen hours per week.

8.1.1. Permission to exceed fifteen hours per week must be sought from the Scholarships Committee (via the Scholarships Office) and will only be approved in exceptional circumstances and for limited periods of time.
9. Other Conditions

9.1. The recipients of the Scholarship will be expected to be available during the Super Rugby competition season and pre-season (November to February) to work with the Chiefs team and staff. This will include national and international travel as required.

9.2. International Scholars must comply with the conditions of their Immigration New Zealand (INZ) Student Visa.

9.3. If a recipient’s circumstances change in a manner which may affect their continued eligibility for this award, the recipient must inform the Scholarships Committee (via the Scholarships Office) immediately. Any change of circumstances will be assessed on a case-by-case basis.

9.4. Recipients are not eligible to receive Scholarship funds during periods of suspension of doctoral enrolment. In the cases of overpayment, the Scholarships Office will work with the recipient to recoup the funds.

9.5. If, while in receipt of a Scholarship, the candidate withdraws from their enrolment, or their enrolment is terminated, the Scholarship will cease and any overpayments will be recouped.

9.5.1. If a former recipient subsequently reappears and is awarded another University of Waikato Doctoral Scholarship, they will only be eligible for the outstanding amount remaining of the original University of Waikato Chiefs Doctoral Scholarship awarded.

9.6. The Postgraduate Research Committee will provide advice and recommendations to the Scholarship Committee in regards to Progress Reports of Scholarship recipients that identify performance that is below expectation.

9.7. A Scholarship may be terminated if the recipient is:
   a) Not meeting the Chiefs performance standards;
   b) Reported as not meeting the expectations of the University as indicated through their doctoral Progress Reports;
   c) Not following the approved programme of study; or,
   d) Not otherwise complying with the conditions governing the Scholarship and/or the regulations of the University of Waikato.

9.8. In addition to doctoral Progress Reports the recipient will provide the Chiefs with an annual report on the progress of their research.

9.9. The Scholarship holder shall have the right to appeal to the Research Committee against any decision to terminate the award.

9.10. By accepting a Scholarship, the recipient agrees to participate in any publicity concerning the Scholarship arranged by the University of Waikato and the Chiefs.