

Gemini Trust Disability Scholarship 2012



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REGULATIONS FOR THE GEMINI TRUST DISABILITY SCHOLARSHIP

1. The Scholarship shall be known as the Gemini Trust Disability Scholarship.
2. The Scholarship shall have a value as determined from time to time, and shall be tenable for one year. Awards of up to \$5,000 may be offered.
3. The Scholarship may be awarded annually to one or more undergraduate student(s) who have completed at least one year of study at the University of Waikato, and whose home is in the Waikato, King Country or Coromandel regions.
4. The selection criteria will be based on academic merit and individual physical disability needs faced by the applicants. The successful applicant(s) must intend studying full-time and be either a New Zealand citizen or a permanent resident of New Zealand.
5. Applicants must complete a formal application form.
6. Applicants must submit a CV of no more than 4 pages in length. Applicants must also include a statement of not more than 200 words indicating why they feel that they are worthy candidates for the Scholarship. In this statement, applicants are required to substantiate how the Scholarship will remove barriers to learning in their own particular circumstances.
7. Applicants are required to provide well documented and clear evidence of their disability by way of a certificate or letter from a medical practitioner or a disability service provider.
8. The Gemini Trust Disability Scholarship shall be offered by the Scholarships Committee, on behalf of the Academic Board.
9. The award of the Scholarship will be made by a Selection Panel including a representative of the University Scholarships Committee, the University Disability Coordinator and a representative of Gemini Trust, acting on behalf of the Academic Board.
10. The Scholarship may be recognised at a function organised to promote scholarships throughout the University.
11. The Scholarship may be held with any other bursary, scholarship or award. The Scholarship will usually be paid as a lump sum to the successful applicant(s) once the decision has been made and awarded at a presentation.
12. The selection committee may refrain from making a recommendation if it finds no candidate of sufficient merit.
13. With the consent of The Gemini Trust, or at their request, the University may from time to time vary these regulations.
14. Applications should be submitted by **25 May 2012** to:
Scholarships Office
The Gateway
University of Waikato
Private Bag 3105
Hamilton 3240

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APPLICATION FORM

This application must be submitted to: The Scholarships Office
The Gateway
The University of Waikato
Private Bag 3105
HAMILTON 3240.

Applications close at 5.00 pm on **25 May 2012**

Enquiries can be directed to: (07) 858 5136 or
scholarships@waikato.ac.nz

Please ensure that all questions are answered and that all the required attachments accompany this application form. You may jeopardise your chances of success if you do not complete your application properly.

YOUR PERSONAL DETAILS

NAME

Surname:

Given name(s):

University of Waikato ID Number:

POSTAL ADDRESS

For correspondence regarding this application

Street Number and Name:

Suburb:

Town/City:

Country:

Telephone:

Email:

Cell Phone:

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APPLICATION DETAILS

STUDY INTENTIONS

Please indicate the qualification for which you intend to be enrolled as a full-time student in 2012

Qualification:

School :

Department:

PREVIOUS STUDY

If you have transferred from another Tertiary Institution, please indicate which one and details of study undertaken:

ATTACHMENTS

Please attach the following to your application form

- A brief curriculum vitae highlighting your previous education record. If you have attended Universities other than the University of Waikato, you must attach verified copies of your academic transcripts.
- A statement of not more than 200 words outlining why you think you would be a suitable candidate for the award and how the award will reduce or eliminate barriers to learning in your particular circumstances
- Evidence of physical disability. This may be in the form of a letter or certificate from a medical practitioner or disability service provider. Please also list at least two contactable referees

If you would like to receive the Application Form and Regulations for this Scholarship in an alternative format, please contact the Scholarships Office on (07) 838 4489

Please indicate whether you would like this information in:

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- Enlarged Print
 - On Computer Disk
 - Taped Format
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CONDITIONS

I understand that:

1. If I am offered and accept a Gemini Trust Disability Scholarship, I will only be eligible to be formally awarded the Scholarship if I enrol at The University of Waikato in the year of tenure and comply with any other specific requirements of the scholarship.
2. The Scholarships Committee may terminate a Scholarship at any time and recoup any funds awarded, if it is satisfied that the holder is not following the required programme or is not otherwise complying with the conditions governing the Scholarship. The holder of a Scholarship shall have the right to appeal to the Academic Board against any decision to terminate the award.

▼ PRIVACY DECLARATION

The information requested in the attached application form will be used solely for the purposes of assessing your application for the Scholarship for which you are applying. Personal information contained in this application will be made available to members of the Selection Committee, members of the Scholarships Committee and staff of the Scholarships Office.

The University of Waikato undertakes to store your application in a secure place in the event that you are successful in gaining an award or are selected as a reserve candidate for an award. The University of Waikato undertakes to destroy your application to preserve its confidentiality, in the event that you are unsuccessful in gaining an award. Should you have reason to believe that information held about you in either your application or your academic record is incorrect, you have the right of access to, and correction of, that information.

▼ SIGN HERE

Signature:

Date:

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▼ GUIDELINES FOR DEFINING PHYSICAL DISABILITY FOR APPLICATIONS FOR THE GEMINI TRUST DISABILITY SCHOLARSHIP

The University of Waikato is firmly committed towards providing equity in education and welcomes students with disabilities into all areas of campus life.

The University is committed to a social model of disability and has in its approach to defining disability intentionally kept that definition a wide one. The University of Waikato Disability Policy specifically states that "disability" is a very broad umbrella term which aims to include people experiencing temporary and permanent conditions, including physical mobility, medical and accident-related conditions, sensory impairments, mental health and learning disabilities. However for the purposes of the Gemini Trust Disability Scholarship and in line with the wishes of the representative of Gemini Trust, being the sponsor of this award, the following definition is made of "physical disability"¹. This definition is made only for the purposes of application for the Gemini Trust Disability Scholarship and is the opinion² of the University Disability Coordinator for the purposes of this Scholarship only.

Applicants for the Gemini Trust Disability Scholarship will provide documented evidence of a physical disability. The following impairments³ may be deemed meet the criteria set out for this scholarship of a physical disability:

- Aged related conditions
- Cerebral palsy
- Chronic health conditions
- Disability as a result of accident
- Metabolic disorders
- Musculoskeletal conditions
- Nervous system disorders
- Other impairments from birth
- Sensory disabilities
- Spina bifida

¹ The selection criteria will be based on academic merit and individual **physical disability** needs faced by the applicants.

² Note – shall be resolved by agreement between the University Disability Co-ordinator and the Regional Manager, CCS Disability Action Waikato.

³ The CCS client/service database - SM2K Glossary (attached) shall be used to further define these impairments.

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GLOSSARY OF TERMS

Aged related conditions

Conditions that usually have their onset in old age. May include stroke, and a range of musculoskeletal conditions.

Cerebral palsy

Loss or deficiency of muscle control due to permanent non progressive brain damage that primarily occurs before or at the time of birth

Chronic health conditions

Health conditions of slow progression and/or long duration - includes post polio syndrome, asthma, cancer

Disability as & result of accident

{where the primary disability was caused by an accident in NZ post-1 October 1974) includes burns, spinal cord injuries, brain injury, amputations (does not include birth accidents, ie. cerebral palsy)

Metabolic disorders

Abnormalities in the processes involved in the utilisation of substances entering the body for energy and body repair. Includes diabetes, lysosomal storage disorders, cystic fibrosis, coeliac disease

Musculoskeletal conditions

Disorders of the complex system of bones, muscles, ligaments, tendons and other connecting tissues. Includes scoliosis, arthritis, osteogenesis imperfecta, limb deficiency, spinal disorders

Nervous system disorders

Conditions where the brain, spinal cord or nerves are affected by inflammation, degeneration or injury, includes multiple sclerosis, polio, neurofibromatosis, Guillain-Basre syndrome, muscular dystrophy, meningitis

Other impairments from birth

Includes cleft lip and palate, talipes, foetal alcohol syndrome

Sensory disabilities

Conditions affecting the senses. Includes visual or hearing impairments.

Spina Bifida

Birth defect, in which one or two vertebrae are not completely formed leaving an opening in the spinal column. Paralysis depends on how high on the back the opening is and how much damage has been done to the nerves.