



▼ MĀORI POSTGRADUATE EXCELLENCE AWARDS 2012

PURPOSE

The Māori Postgraduate Excellence Awards have been established by the University of Waikato to encourage and support high-performing Māori students to progress to postgraduate study. 'Postgraduate' in this context refers to qualifications comprising 500 level papers and MPhil and doctoral programmes.

REGULATIONS

1. In order to be eligible for a Māori Postgraduate Excellence Award, applicants must be of Māori ethnicity, have domestic student status, and enrol in part- or full-time postgraduate study in 2012.
2. This funding is specifically aimed at those **commencing** a postgraduate qualification, i.e. in the first year of the programme of study, during the year of tenure. Applicants entering the second (or third, etc.) year of a postgraduate qualification must understand that the Award's focus on supporting the first year of study is likely to significantly reduce their chances of success.
3. While recipients will be accepted by the Selection Panel primarily on the basis of academic merit, consideration will also be given to personal character, as well as cultural and community involvement, both on- and off-campus (especially that with a Māori focus).
4. Preference may be given to applicants from areas of study where Māori students are underrepresented.
5. The value of the Award will be **up to** \$5,000.
6. The number and value of Awards in any year will be determined by the Selection Panel. Factors considered will include the number and standard of applications, and the enrolment status of candidates.
7. The offer of an Award will be conditional on enrolment at postgraduate level in 2012.
8. All recipients, except doctoral candidates, must enrol in an approved programme of study within six months of accepting the scholarship.
9. Awards will normally be paid to recipients in two equal lump sums in the year of tenure.
10. The Awards may not be used for the payment of enrolment fees at the University of Waikato. Rather, they are intended to support the recipients in meeting the costs associated with their study e.g. study materials, living costs and conference and workshop attendance.
11. Successful applicants who have received, or are receiving, funding from other University of Waikato scholarships may be limited to an overall total of funding from any/all such scholarships. Any such decisions will be made on a case-by-case basis.
12. The Selection Panel for the Awards comprises the Pro Vice-Chancellor (Māori) as Chair, the Pro Vice-Chancellor (Teaching and Learning), the Chairperson of the Scholarships Committee, and the University's Senior Advisor for Māori Equity, or their nominees.
13. If the Selection Panel is not satisfied that the holder is following the appropriate academic programme of study and making satisfactory progress, the Scholarships Committee may terminate the Award at any time and recoup any funds already disbursed.
14. The closing date for applications is **29 January 2012**.

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APPLICATION FORM 2012

This application must be submitted to: The Scholarships Office
(The Gateway – Te Kūaha)
The University of Waikato
Private Bag 3105
HAMILTON 3240

Applications close at 5.00 pm on **29 January 2012**.

Enquiries can be directed to: Tel. +64 7 858 5136 or 838 4489
Fax +64 7 838 4600
Email 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.

When preparing your attachments, please do not use staples, special binding, or coloured ink or paper. To fasten documents together, please use paper clips or bulldog clips. This is because all documents will be photocopied.

YOUR PERSONAL DETAILS

NAME AND STUDENT ID

Full name: _____

University of Waikato Student ID: _____

POSTAL ADDRESS

For correspondence regarding this application

Street Number and Name: _____

Suburb: _____

Town/City: _____

Post code: _____

Landline: _____

Email: _____

Cell Phone: _____

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STUDY INTENTIONS

Please indicate the postgraduate qualification for which you will be/are enrolled in 2012:

Qualification: _____

School/Faculty: _____

Department: _____

Papers: _____

FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Please indicate the source and value of any other funding received or applied for to support your postgraduate studies:

ATTACHMENTS

All applicants - please attach the following to your application form:

- A **typed** one-page personal statement highlighting, among other things, the following:
 - Your previous academic achievements
 - Any **cultural and/or community involvement**, both on- and off-campus (especially that with a Māori focus)
- Two references, ideally from **non** students
 - One should include comment on your **academic achievements**
 - One should include comment on your **cultural and/or community involvement** (especially that with a Māori focus)

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▼ PRIVACY DECLARATION

The information provided in this application will be used solely for the purposes of assessing your eligibility and suitability for this Award. Personal information contained in this application will be made available to members of the Selection Panel, 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.

The Selection Panel or University may contact for further information any persons or groups you have named in support of your application. Any such direct contact with these persons or groups will be made on a strictly confidential basis. The University may not divulge details to you about the content of such confidential communication without the written authorisation of the persons or groups concerned.

CONDITIONS

I understand that:

1. If I am offered, and accept, a Māori Postgraduate Excellence Award, I will only be eligible to be formally awarded the Award if I am enrolled in postgraduate studies at The University of Waikato in the academic year for which the offer is made and comply with the regulations of the Award
2. In accepting the Award, I am agreeing to participate in any publicity concerning the Award as arranged by the University of Waikato
3. The Scholarships Committee may terminate my Award at any time, and recoup any funds awarded, if it is not satisfied that I am following the required programme or that I am otherwise complying with the conditions governing the Award
4. I shall have the right to appeal to the Academic Board against any decision to terminate the Award.

▼ SIGN HERE

Signature: _____

Date: _____

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ACADEMIC REFEREE'S REPORT

Applicant's Name: _____

Student ID: _____

Please provide an **academic reference** on, or attached to, this form for the above-named applicant for a Māori Postgraduate Excellence Award. This reference will be used by the Selection Panel in determining the applicant's eligibility for the Award.

Please comment on the applicant's academic achievements in particular. You are more than welcome to include any other information that you think relevant.

While you are welcome to give your reference to the applicant, it would be appreciated if you could send it directly to the following address (or e-mail it as an attachment to scholarships@waikato.ac.nz) by **29 January 2012**:

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Referee's Name: _____

University / Dept: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

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CHARACTER REFEREE'S REPORT

Applicant's Name: _____

Student ID: _____

Please provide a **character reference** on, or attached to, this form for the above-named applicant for a Māori Postgraduate Excellence Award. This reference will be used by the Selection Panel in determining the applicant's eligibility for the Award.

Please comment on the applicant's cultural and/or community involvement, in particular that with a Māori focus. You are more than welcome to include any other information that you think relevant.

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