Regulations

1. **Eligibility**
   1.1. To be eligible, applicants must:
      1.1.1. be considered by the Waikato Rugby Union to be genuine prospects for future Waikato ITM Cup Representative Teams;
      1.1.2. be part of the Rugby Union Academy/Development System and/or playing representative rugby for Waikato in the year of tenure;
      1.1.3. be enrolling part- or full-time at the University of Waikato in the year of tenure;
      1.1.4. be a New Zealand citizen or permanent resident.

2. **Value**
   2.1. The value of the Scholarships will range from $1,000 – $5,000 (refer to clause 7.4).
   2.2. The Scholarship will be paid in one lump sum directly towards the recipient’s University of Waikato tuition fees.

3. **Application**
   3.1. Applications must be received by the Scholarships Office by 31 August annually.
   3.2. Applicants enrolling at the University of Waikato for the first time must provide with their application a verified copy of their most recent available secondary school results.

4. **Selection Criteria**
   4.1. The selection criteria will be based on academic merit, leadership and sporting potential.
   4.2. Current recipients of the Scholarship may apply for one year extensions to the initial tenure of the Scholarship up to a maximum tenure of three years. Applications for extensions will be considered on a case by case basis taking into consideration clause 4.1 above.

5. **Selection Panel**
   5.1. The Selection Panel will comprise of the Dean of the School of Graduate Research (in the Chair), the Waikato Rugby Union Emerging Players Manager, the University of Waikato Hillary Programme Manager, and the Director of Student Services (or their nominees).
5.2. The Selection Panel’s decisions are final and no correspondence will be entered into following the selection meeting.

6. **Awarding**

6.1. The Scholarship will have an initial tenure of one year.

6.2. The offer of a Scholarship is subject to the recipient fulfilling all requirements for admission to the University of Waikato.

6.2.1. Recipients must enrol in the programme of study specified in their Scholarship application. Any changes to the recipient’s programme of study must be approved by the Hillary Programme Manager.

7. **Other Conditions**

7.1. All Scholarship recipients will be expected to play for the Waikato University Rugby Football Club, however, exemptions may be granted by agreement between the Waikato Rugby Union and the University of Waikato taking into account the recipient’s personal and playing commitments.

7.1.1. Recipients must submit an exemption request in writing to the Scholarships Office prior to the commencement of the club rugby season.

7.2. If applicable, recipients will be offered a place in the University’s Halls of Residence for the year of tenure.

7.3. The Scholarships Executive may terminate a Scholarship at any time, and recoup any funds awarded, if it is satisfied that the recipient is not following the approved programme of study or is not otherwise complying with the regulations governing the Scholarship and/or the University of Waikato. The recipient of a Scholarship shall have the right to appeal to the Education Committee against any decision to terminate the award.

7.4. Recipients of the Scholarship are permitted to hold another University of Waikato School Leaver Scholarship concurrently, but the value of the Rugby Development Scholarship will be reduced on a pro rata basis so that the combined total does not exceed $5,000.

7.5. The Scholarship may be held with any other prize, scholarship or award unless the conditions of the other award preclude this.

7.6. By accepting a Scholarship, the recipient agrees to participate in any reasonable publicity concerning the Scholarship arranged by the University of Waikato and/or the Waikato Rugby Union.