This Scholarship was established to commemorate the spirited life and achievements of Tess Embling. It is designed to encourage and reward students who share the passion and enthusiasm that Tess had for her studies. After establishing a successful career in IT, Tess made a brave move to pursue her love of nature through a science degree at the University of Waikato. Tess’s inquisitive mind and never-ending drive to learn were exceptionally valuable in both her course work and research projects. Tess’s boundless motivation and hard work inspired many in the University community, and her untimely death from cancer in 2010 was a great loss to science. Tess was a caring and thoughtful person who would be delighted for this Scholarship to support fellow students who are chasing their dreams.

1. Purpose

1.1. The Scholarship is designed to encourage and reward students enrolling or enrolled in the first year of a Master's degree in the Faculty of Science and Engineering at the University of Waikato.

2. Eligibility

2.1. To be eligible, candidates must:
   a) be enrolling or enrolled in the first year of a Master’s degree
   b) open to both full and part-time students enrolled/enrolling in the Faculty of Science and Engineering

3. Value

3.1. The Scholarship will normally have a value of up to $1,500 and will be paid as a lump sum. It is expected that the Scholarship will be used to defray course-related expenses.

4. Application

4.1. The closing dates for applications is 16 February in the year of tenure.

4.2. Along with the prescribed application form, each applicant must submit:
   a) a one-page personal statement,
   b) a brief CV (of no more than two pages in length); and
   c) two academic references

5. Selection Criteria

5.1. In selecting the successful applicant, the Panel will give preference to students studying in the fields of biological or environmental science, the applicant’s high levels of enthusiasm for their studies, and academic ability. The Panel will also take into consideration applicant’s community involvement and financial need.
6. **Selection Panel**

6.1. The Selection Panel will comprise at least one representative from Tess’s family, at least one academic from the Faculty of Science and Engineering—nominated by the Dean (preferably with expertise in biological or environmental science), the Scholarships Committee member from the Faculty of Science and Engineering and at least one of the Scholarship’s founders (Fiona Clarkson or Catherine Kirby).

6.2. Short-listed applicants will normally be interviewed by the Selection Panel.

6.3. The Selection Panel may refrain from making a recommendation if it finds no candidate of sufficient merit.

6.4. The Selection Panel’s decision is final and no correspondence will be entered into following the selection meeting.

7. **Awarding**

7.1. The successful applicant will be advised of the offer of a Scholarship in writing and must return their acceptance form by the prescribed date. If a candidate declines a Scholarship, or does not take it up, the Selection Panel may offer the Scholarship to another applicant.

7.2. The Scholarship will be awarded by the Scholarships Committee on the recommendation of the Selection Panel.

8. **Tenure**

8.1. A Scholarship should normally be taken up in the year in which it is offered, and will have a maximum tenure of one year.

9. **Other Conditions**

9.1. The Scholarship may be held with any other bursary, scholarship or award, provided that the regulations of the other award allow this.

9.2. The recipient will be required to submit a brief summary of their achievements over the year of tenure. This report may be used for publicity and fundraising purposes.

9.3. By accepting an Award, the recipient agrees to participate in any publicity concerning the scholarship arranged by the University of Waikato. The recipient may be asked to attend a presentation ceremony.

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