The University of Waikato Alumni Scholarship was established in 2016 by the University of Waikato Alumni Association (Te Rauika Pukenga). The Alumni Association was founded on the belief that tertiary education is not a short-term activity but rather a life-long link between students, graduates, staff and their University. This Scholarship supports Alumni returning to the University to continue their academic journey.

1. Purpose

1.1. The Scholarship is intended to support adults who have not studied for an extended period of time and want to return to the University to gain higher level qualifications.

2. Eligibility

2.1. To be eligible, applicants must be;
   a) a returning Alumni¹ of the University of Waikato who have not studied at the University of Waikato in the past two years;
   b) 25 years of age or older; and,
   c) enrolling in full or part-time² study at the University in A Semester 2019.

2.2. Previous recipients can reapply, however, the Scholarship may only be held twice.

3. Value

3.1. The Scholarship will have a value of up to $3,500 for full-time study and pro rata for part-time cash payment. The payment is intended to contribute to tuition fees or course related costs.

3.2. The scholarship will be paid by cheque in one lump sum after the withdrawal deadline for the intended programme of study.

4. Application

4.1. The closing date for applications is 1 February 2019.

4.2. Along with the prescribed application form, each applicant must attach:
   a) A maximum two-page personal statement:
      • which outlines their reasons for returning to study and what they hope to achieve through the completion of the paper or qualification;
      • A brief statement outlining their financial circumstances and community involvement; and,
   b) A CV of no more than two pages in length.

¹ Alumni of the University have completed, and graduate from, at least one qualification.
² For the purpose of this Scholarship part-time enrolment is considered to be no less than 60 points of study within the tenure of the award e.g. calendar year.
5. Selection Criteria

5.1. Scholarships are awarded on academic merit, financial need and community involvement. It is expected that applicants will have a minimum grade point average of B+ in their previous 120 points of study.

6. Selection Panel

6.1. The Selection Panel will comprise of the Chair of the Scholarships Committee (or nominee), Alumni Relationship Manager and the Director Future Students (or nominees).

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

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

7. Awarding

7.1. The successful applicants will be offered the Scholarship on condition that they remain enrolled in an appropriate programme of study or papers in the year of tenure.

7.2. The Scholarship will have a maximum tenure of one year.

7.3. Each successful applicant will be advised of the offer of a Scholarship in writing and must advise the University’s Scholarships Office of their acceptance of the offer by the prescribed date. If the applicant fails to accept the Scholarship within the specified time, the offer will lapse.

8. Other Conditions

8.1. The Scholarship may be held together with any bursary, prize or student allowance, unless the conditions of the other award preclude this.

8.2. If, during the tenure of the Scholarship, a recipient’s circumstances change in such a manner that their continued eligibility for the Scholarship may be affected, they must inform the Scholarships Committee (via the Scholarships Office) immediately.

8.3. The Scholarships Executive may terminate a Scholarship at any time, and recoup any funds disbursed, if the holder withdraws from the University of Waikato during the tenure of the Scholarship, brings the Scholarship programme or the University into disrepute, or is otherwise not complying with the conditions governing the Scholarship. The holder of a Scholarship will have the right to appeal to the Scholarships Executive against any decision to terminate the award. The holder of a Scholarship shall have the right to appeal to the Education Committee against any decision to terminate an award.

8.4. The holder of a Scholarship will have the right to appeal to the appropriate University Committee against any decision to terminate a Scholarship.

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

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3 See Student Code of Conduct
4 Student appeals for University of Waikato Scholarships awarded for undergraduate or taught postgraduate level study should be made to the Education Committee; student appeals for research level study (e.g. Masters) should be made to the Research Committee.