The University of Waikato Alumni Scholarship was established in 2016 by the University of Waikato Alumni Association (Te Rauika Pukenga). The Alumni Association Te Rauika Pukenga 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. The Scholarship is funded by interest earned on a gift held in the University of Waikato Foundation and up to two scholarships will be offered each year. The Scholarship supports Alumni returning to the University of Waikato 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 Alumni of the University of Waikato who have not studied at the University of Waikato in the past two calendar years;
   b) 25 years of age or older; and,
   c) enrolling in full or part-time study at the University in A Semester of the year of award.

2.2. Previous recipients may reapply, however, the Scholarship may only be held twice by any one person.

3. Value

3.1. The Scholarship will have a value of up to $2,000 for full-time study and pro rata for part-time study. The payment is intended to contribute to tuition fees or course related costs.

3.2. The scholarship will be paid directly to the recipient’s bank account in one lump sum after the withdrawal deadline for the intended programme of study.

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1 Alumni of the University have completed, and graduated 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.
4. Application

4.1. The closing date for applications is 1 February each year.

4.2. Along with the prescribed application form, each applicant must upload:

   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 A4 pages in length.

5. Selection Criteria and Selection Panel

5.1. Scholarships are awarded on academic merit, financial need and community involvement. Applicants will have a minimum grade point average of B+ in their previous 120 points of study at University of Waikato.

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

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

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

6. Awarding

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

6.2. Each successful applicant will be advised of the offer of a Scholarship and must accept the offer by the prescribed date or the offer will lapse.

7. Other Conditions

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

7.2. 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 School of Graduate Research) immediately.

7.3. The Scholarships Committee 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, funder, or the University into disrepute\(^3\), 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.

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

7.5. The Scholarships Committee may, from time to time, vary these regulations.

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\(^3\) See [Student Code of Conduct](#)