The Hamilton Club Scholarship in Health was established in 2017 by the generous legacy of The Hamilton Club. The Club served the Hamilton and wider rural communities for 119 years (1898 – 2017). However, like many other clubs in New Zealand, membership of the Club declined over the years (a reflection of the changing times), thus making it no longer viable.

The remaining 54 members of the Club decided unanimously to dissolve the Club and distribute its $1.3 million capital to five Hamilton organisations, creating an enduring legacy. The assets are derived from the sale of the Club’s historic building. Purchased by a developer, the former clubhouse was restored to its original 1904 state and has since been re-purposed for professional office use. It will stand proud for another 100 years under the name ‘Panama House’.

The purpose of the Hamilton Club Scholarship in Health is to support students enrolled in an undergraduate or graduate degree to pursue studies in a health-related area that will contribute to the New Zealand health sector.

1. Eligibility
   1.1. To be eligible, candidates must:
       1.1.1. be enrolled full-time in either a graduate degree or the 2nd year or above of an undergraduate degree in any school/faculty at the University of Waikato;
       1.1.2. be undertaking a programme of study in a health-related area that will contribute to the NZ health sector; and
       1.1.3. be a New Zealand citizen or permanent resident.

2. Value
   2.1. One undergraduate Scholarship of up to $2,500 and one graduate Scholarship of up to $7,500 will be awarded annually.
   2.2. The Scholarship will be credited directly towards the recipient’s tuition fees (including the Student Services Levy) in the year of tenure1.

3. Application
   3.1. The closing date for applications is 1 October 2019.
   3.2. Along with the prescribed online application form, each candidate must submit:
       3.2.1. A two-page personal statement that outlines:
           • Why you’re interested in the field of health
           • How your current study will help you contribute to the NZ health sector in the future
           • Your future study and/or career plans
   3.3. Candidates should also request the submission of a reference attesting to their academic abilities and likelihood to contribute to the NZ health sector in the future.

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1 If the recipient’s tuition fees for the year of tenure are less than the value of the Scholarship, the recipient will forgo the unused balance of the Scholarship.
4. Selection Criteria

4.1. The Scholarship will be offered on the basis of:

4.1.1. academic merit, with a minimum grade average of B+ required for eligibility; and

4.1.2. the likelihood of the candidate using their study to contribute to the NZ health sector in the future (as demonstrated by their personal statement and reference).

5. Selection Panel

5.1. The Selection Panel will comprise the Chair of the Scholarships Committee (or nominee) in the Chair, the Dean of the School of Health, Sport and Human Performance (or nominee), and a University of Waikato academic staff member with expertise in a health-related area, nominated by the Dean of the School of Health, Sport and Human Performance.

5.2. The Selection Panel may contact referees, on a confidential basis, for further relevant information; they will not divulge details to candidates about the content of such confidential references without the written authorisation of the referees.

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 decisions are final and no correspondence will be entered into following the selection meeting.

6. Awarding

6.1. The offer of a Scholarship must be accepted by the date indicated in the offer letter. If any candidate declines a Scholarship, or does not take it up within the required timeframe, the offer will lapse.

6.2. The Scholarship will have a maximum tenure of one year and must be taken up within six months of the date of the Scholarship offer.

7. Other Conditions

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

7.2. 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 University or the sponsor into disrepute, or is otherwise not complying with the regulations 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.

7.3. By accepting the offer of a Scholarship, the recipient agrees to participate in any publicity concerning the Scholarship arranged by the sponsor and/or the University of Waikato.

7.4. In signing and returning the Scholarship acceptance form, the recipient will be deemed to have read, understood, and accepted the terms and conditions of the Scholarship.

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

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2 See Code of Student Conduct.