The Tauranga Campus Returning Student Scholarship was set-up in 2018 to enable students to continue their university education at the University of Waikato in Tauranga. These scholarships were made available through the generosity of Tauranga Energy Consumer Trust, Tauranga City Council and Bay of Plenty Regional Council. The funds are held in trust by the University of Waikato Foundation and up to 10 scholarships are awarded each year. The University of Waikato motto ko te tangata is a core value and underpins the purpose of these scholarships.

1. Purpose

1.1. The purpose of these Scholarships is to provide financial support to students currently studying at the Tauranga Campus, and returning to study full-time at the University of Waikato in Tauranga in the following year.

2. Eligibility

2.1. To be eligible for consideration applicants must:
   a) be a current student studying at the Tauranga Campus and returning to study at the Tauranga Campus in the following year.
   b) be intending to enrol full-time at the University of Waikato Tauranga Campus and have been accepted into a full-time programme of study in the year of tenure;
   c) not be eligible for Fees-Free under the NZ Government's Fees-Free Tertiary Education Policy during the year of tenure of this Scholarship;
   d) not be intending to study at Masters or Doctoral level in the year of tenure; and
   e) be a New Zealand citizen or permanent resident.

3. Value

3.1. The Scholarship will have a value of up to $3,000 and will be credited towards the recipient’s University of Waikato tuition fees in the year of tenure.

4. Application

4.1. The closing date for applications is 01 December each year.

4.2. As part of the application process, each candidate must submit:
   a) a personal statement (on the prescribed template) that outlines the following:
      o Future aspirations and motivation to succeed at University;
      o Why the course of study and, in particular, study at UOW Tauranga Campus will enhance their lifetime opportunities;

4.3. As part of the application process, each candidate must also request the following documents to be submitted confidentially to the School of Graduate Research:
   a) a character reference. The character reference may not be an immediate member of family
Selection Panel and Criteria

4.4. The Scholarship Selection Panel will comprise of the Chair of the Scholarships Committee (or nominee) in the Chair, a representative of the Tauranga Tertiary Campus Charitable Trust (or its successor) and the Academic Director Tauranga Campus (or their nominees).

4.5. In awarding the Scholarships, the Selection Panel will take into consideration the evidence provided in personal statements as outlined in clause 4.2a above and the applicants’ commitment to succeed at university study and their grades.

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

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

5. Awarding and Tenure

5.1. The offer of a Scholarship must be accepted by the date indicated in the letter of offer.

5.2. Recipients must have met all eligibility requirements prior to enrolment (see clause 2.1).

5.3. If any recipient declines a Scholarship, or does not take it up, the Selection Panel reserves the right to offer the Scholarship to another applicant.

5.4. The Scholarship will have a maximum tenure of one year and must be taken up in the year for which it is offered.

6. Other Conditions

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

6.2. 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 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.

6.3. Should a recipient withdraw from any papers, without adding sufficient papers to maintain an overall enrolment in a minimum of 120-points for the academic year, the University may ask for the Scholarship to be repaid.

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

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

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

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1 See [Student Code of Conduct](#)