

BACKGROUND

The University of Waikato established The University of Waikato Tauranga Campus International Bursary to be offered to international students who have applied for the first time, and received an offer of place for study at the University's Tauranga Campus.

No application is required.

The Bursary is by nomination from the International Office, who will send the nomination to the School of Graduate Research – Scholarships. The process of offering and awarding a Bursary to a recipient will start once a member of the Scholarships team has received the nomination, checked that sufficient funds are available and obtained approval for award from the Scholarships Committee.

The Bursary will be applied directly to recipient's tuition fees and is not transferrable.

REGULATIONS

1. The Bursary will be known as the "University of Waikato Tauranga Campus International Bursary"
2. The value of the Bursary will be **up to \$10,000** towards tuition fees only and may be offered on a pro-rata basis as outlined below for any candidate studying a course of 120 points or more. Students who are studying for under three years are not entitled to the full Bursary amount. The awarding will be adjusted accordingly:
 - a. Candidates studying 120 points or above (or one year of full-time study) will receive \$3,500
 - b. Candidates studying 180 points or above (or one year and six months of full-time study) will receive \$5,000
 - c. Candidates studying 240 points or above (or two years of full-time study) will receive \$7,000

- d. Candidates studying 360 points or above (or three years of full-time study) will receive \$10,000
 - e. Candidates studying fewer than 120 points are not eligible.
3. The Bursary will be applied directly to the recipient's tuition fees at the time of enrolment or once their enrolment is completed.
 4. The Bursary will be applied to the first year of full-time (a full-time academic year comprises 120 points) undergraduate or postgraduate¹ programme of study at the University's Tauranga Campus.
 5. To ensure ongoing eligibility, recipients must maintain an international student status within the University's student system during the tenure of the Bursary.
 7. The Bursary will only be awarded to international students who are new to the University. The following exceptions apply:
 - a. Students who have a pathway offer that requires the student to undertake an English language programme at the Hamilton campus prior to commencing study at the Tauranga campus, OR;
 - b. Students who enrol in a Certificate of University Preparation (CUP), Certificate of Attainment in Foundation Studies (CAFS) or International Diploma/Diploma in Postgraduate Preparation at the Hamilton campus prior to commencing study at the Tauranga campus, may also be awarded the Bursary.

For each exception above, the Bursary will be paid upon commencement of the student's undergraduate or postgraduate-level study only.

8. Nominated recipients will receive a Bursary offer, via their MyWaikato portal, which is valid for 14 days. Students must confirm their acceptance of the Bursary by the date requested in the offer or the offer will lapse and no longer be valid.
 - a. After accepting the offer, recipients will receive an official Bursary Offer Letter to assist in any student visa application.
9. Students may pay the full tuition fee amount **minus** the value of the scholarship in the offer; they must provide their Scholarship Offer Letter to Immigration New Zealand in order to do so.
10. The Scholarships Committee has the power to amend or vary these regulations provided that there is no departure from the main purpose of the Bursary.

¹ All postgraduate programmes except the Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) and Master of Philosophy (MPhil) are eligible.

11. The Scholarships Committee may terminate this Bursary at any time, and recoup any funds disbursed, if the holder withdraws from the University of Waikato during the tenure of the Bursary, brings the Bursary or the University into disrepute², or is otherwise not complying with the conditions governing the Bursary and/or the regulations of the University of Waikato.
12. The holder will have the right to appeal against any decision to terminate a Bursary by writing to scholarships@waikato.ac.nz who will forward the appeal to the Scholarships Executive.

BURSARY SPECIFICS

1. The Bursary cannot be held in conjunction with any other University of Waikato funded tuition or accommodation fees scholarship or award, or Bursary, nor can it be held in conjunction with any Education New Zealand scholarship.
2. The Bursary must be taken up in the two trimesters immediately following the period of determination of eligibility.
3. To maintain eligibility, recipients must complete their study at the Tauranga campus, unless their chosen programme necessitates the move to the Hamilton campus. Should a recipient move unnecessarily to the Hamilton campus, their eligibility will cease and the Bursary must be repaid back to the University.
4. Should a recipient withdraw from any papers, without adding sufficient papers to maintain full-time enrolment (120 points) in their programme of study in the year of tenure, the Bursary must be repaid in full.
5. A student who withdraws from the University may (under the provisions of the Fees Regulations) apply for a refund of enrolment fees paid that were not covered by the Bursary. The Bursary, however, is not refundable to the student under any circumstances.
6. Candidates must remain enrolled full-time for the tenure of the Bursary.
7. In accepting the Bursary, the student will be deemed to have read, understood, and accepted the conditions of this Bursary, and the [Scholarships Policy](#).

² See [Code of Student Conduct](#).

8. To be eligible, candidates must not be coming to the University of Waikato via a sponsoring body³ and not be coming to the University of Waikato on a Guaranteed Credit Arrangement⁴ through a study abroad or student exchange agreement. The following exception applies:
 - a. Toi Ohomai students who have completed diplomas covered by formal guaranteed credit agreements between Toi Ohomai and the University of Waikato may be awarded the Bursary.
9. Recipients of the Bursary agree to participate, if required, in any promotional activity and events organised by the University of Waikato during the tenure of the Bursary.

³ Examples of a sponsoring body are: governments, institutions and employers who fund student scholarships for study.

⁴ Guaranteed credit arrangements are where an institution has a formal agreement with the University of Waikato whereby a student can study part of their degree at the partner institution and credit that study towards 1 – 2 years of study at the University of Waikato