1. **Purpose**

1.1. Established in 2002, the Gemini Trust Disability Scholarship is awarded annually to support students with physical disabilities who are studying towards an undergraduate qualification at the University of Waikato.

2. **Eligibility**

2.1. To be eligible, candidates must:
   a) be able to provide evidence of a physical disability;
   b) have completed a minimum of 30 points of study at the University of Waikato, and be enrolled or intending to enrol (full or part-time) at the University of Waikato in the year of tenure;
   c) reside in the Waikato, King Country or Coromandel regions; and,
   d) be a New Zealand citizen or permanent resident.

3. **Value**

3.1. The Scholarship will have a value of up to $10,000.

   3.1.1. If the Selection Panel finds one or more candidates’ of sufficient merit they may choose to divide the scholarship.

4. **Application**

4.1. The closing date for applications is **14 July**.

4.2. Along with the prescribed application form, each candidate must submit:
   a) a CV (maximum four A4 pages in length); and,
   b) a personal statement (maximum 200 words) indicating how they would benefit from the scholarship.
   c) evidence of their disability by way of a certificate or letter from a medical practitioner or a disability service provider.

5. **Selection Criteria**

5.1. The Scholarship will be offered on the basis of academic merit and individual physical disability needs.

5.2. Assessment of academic merit will focus primarily on the candidate’s most recent study, up to 240 points.

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1 The following impairments may be deemed to meet the criteria set out for this scholarship of a physical disability; *age related conditions, cerebral palsy, chronic health conditions, disability as result of an accident, metabolic disorders, nervous system disorders, other impairments from birth, sensory disabilities, and spina bifida.*
6. Selection Panel

6.1. The Selection Panel will comprise of at least one representative of the Gemini Trust, the University Disability coordinator, and a representative of the University's Scholarships Committee (in the Chair).

6.2. The Selection Panel will make a recommendation to the Gemini Trust Board and may refrain from making a recommendation if it finds no candidate of sufficient merit.

6.3. The Gemini Trust Board will finalise the decision and no correspondence will be entered into following the decision.

7. Awarding

7.1. The successful candidate will be offered the Scholarship on the condition that they enrol part- or full-time at the University of Waikato in the year of tenure and have provided all the necessary documentation to support their physical disability.

7.2. The offer of a Scholarship must be accepted by the date indicated in the letter of offer. If any candidate declines a Scholarship, or does not take it up, the Selection Panel may offer the Scholarship to another person.

7.3. The Scholarship will usually be paid as a lump sum to the successful candidate(s).

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

8. Other Conditions

8.1. The Scholarship may be held with any other bursary, scholarship or award.

8.2. The recipient(s) will be required to attend a presentation function.

8.3. The Scholarships Committee may terminate a Scholarship at any time and recoup any funds awarded, if it is not satisfied that the recipient is following the required programme or is not otherwise complying with the conditions governing the Scholarship and/or the regulations of the University of Waikato. The holder of a Scholarship shall have the right to appeal to the Education Committee against any decision to terminate an award.

8.4. With the consent of The Gemini Trust, or at their request, the University may from time to time vary these regulations.