The University of Waikato Squash Scholarship was established in 2017 through the partnership between the University of Waikato and the University of Waikato Campus Squash Club. It is funded by the old University Squash Club through funds now held by the University of Waikato Foundation. The purpose of the Scholarship is to foster excellence in high performance squash and to strengthen partnerships with community and national sporting bodies. One University of Waikato Squash Scholarship will be awarded annually.

1. Eligibility
   1.1. To be eligible, applicants must:
      1.1.1. be considered by the Selection Panel to be genuine prospects for future representation-level Squash in the Waikato and/or the Bay of Plenty and/or New Zealand; and
      1.1.2. be a member of a New Zealand Squash Federation affiliated club and/or playing representative squash for Waikato or Bay of Plenty in the year of tenure; and
      1.1.3. be enrolled part- or full-time in an undergraduate or graduate programme of study at the University of Waikato in the year of tenure; and
      1.1.4. be a New Zealand citizen or permanent resident.

2. Value
   2.1. The value of the Scholarship will be dependent on the interest earned on the capital and may vary each year depending on the availability of funds. It is anticipated that the Scholarship will have a value of up to $500 each year and will be paid directly to the student as soon as practicable after awarding.

3. Application
   3.1. Applications must be submitted on the prescribed online form by 31 March annually.
   3.2. Applicants must include with their application:
      3.2.1. a curriculum vitae (maximum two A4 pages, including details of any squash awards and/or media coverage);
      3.2.2. a personal statement (maximum two A4 pages) on the prescribed template outlining:
         a. why they are applying for the Scholarship and what the funding will be used for;
         b. their achievements in squash to date;
         c. their future squash performance goals; and
         d. any leadership roles and/or community involvement;
3.2.3. a reference from a person or agency relevant to the applicant’s squash, attesting to the applicant’s squash abilities, potential to further excel, and leadership qualities and potential.

3.2.4. Any applicants who will be enrolling at the University of Waikato for the first time in the year of tenure must also provide either a copy of their most recent secondary school results or if they have previously attended another tertiary institution, a verified copy of their academic transcript from that institution.

3.3. Previous recipients of the University of Waikato Squash Scholarship may re-apply for the Scholarship (up to a maximum of three years).

4. Selection Criteria

4.1. The selection criteria will be based on:

4.1.1. academic merit; and

4.1.2. the information provided in the application documentation, especially in regards to sporting and leadership potential.

4.2. Previous UoW Squash Scholars who are re-applying for the Scholarship must have achieved a minimum grade average of B in their most recent year of study.

5. Selection Panel

5.1. The Selection Panel will comprise of the University of Waikato High Performance Student Scholarship Manager (as Chair), the Faculty of Health, Sport and Human Performance representative on the Scholarships Committee, and the University of Waikato Sport and Event Coordinator (or nominees).

5.2. The Selection Panel’s decisions are final and no correspondence will be entered into following the selection meeting.

6. Awarding and Tenure

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

6.2. All applicants will be advised of the outcome of their application electronically.

6.3. The offer of a Scholarship must be accepted by the date indicated or the offer will lapse.

7. Other Conditions

7.1. The Scholarship is co-tenable with any other award, unless the conditions of the other award preclude this.

7.2. The Scholarships Committee may terminate this 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 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 Scholarship, the recipient agrees to participate in any reasonable publicity concerning the Scholarship arranged by the University of Waikato.

1 See Code of Student Conduct.