The Tauranga Campus First-in-Family Scholarship was established in 2018 to assist students from families with no history of tertiary level study to participate in a 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 first-year undergraduate students studying full-time at the University of Waikato in Tauranga, especially those that might have personal challenges, or financial and/or cultural challenges to overcome in order to attend university.

2. Eligibility
   2.1. To be eligible, applicants must:
       2.1.1. be the first member of their immediate family/whanau to attend university (i.e., neither of the applicant’s birth parents nor a full or half-sibling).
       2.1.2. be intending to enrol full-time (a full-time academic year comprises 120-points) in the first year of an undergraduate degree at the University Waikato in Tauranga;
       2.1.3. be accepted into their programme of study; and
       2.1.4. be a New Zealand citizen or permanent resident.

3. Value
   3.1. The Scholarship will have a value of $1,000, and will be paid directly to the recipient in two equal sums after the withdrawal period for each semester has passed.
       3.1.1. Payment of the second instalment will be conditional on the recipient achieving at least a B grade average in their A Semester papers and their continued enrolment in an undergraduate degree at the University of Waikato in Tauranga.

4. Application
   4.1. The closing date for applications is 15 October
   4.2. Along with the completed application form, each applicant must submit:
       4.2.1. A personal statement of no more than two A4 pages (on the prescribed form) that outlines the following:
           • A statement describing what it means to the applicant and/or their family to be the first-in-family at university;
           • Future aspirations and motivation to succeed at University and why the course
of study will enhance their lifetime opportunities.

4.2.2. A verified copy of their NCEA School Results Summary.

4.2.3. A character reference. The character reference must not be from an immediate family member.

5. Selection Criteria

5.1. Awards will be made on the evidence provided in the applicants’ personal statements (as outlined in clause 4.2.1 above).

5.2. In awarding the Scholarships, the Selection Panel will take into particular consideration the applicant’s commitment to succeed at university study and to study at the Tauranga campus.

5.3. Preference may be given to applicants who have an affiliation with the Bay of Plenty.

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

6. Selection Panel

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

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

7. Awarding and Tenure

7.1. The offer of a Scholarship must be accepted by the date indicated in the Letter of Offer.

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

7.3. 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.

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

8.2. 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 or the University into disrepute¹, or is otherwise not complying with the conditions governing the Scholarship. The holder of

¹ See Code of Student Conduct.
a Scholarship will have the right to appeal to the Scholarships Executive against any decision to terminate the award.

8.3. 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.

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

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

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