

The Braemar Charitable Trust MBA Scholarship will support a candidate who is or aspires to be a transformational/system change leader in the Not-For-Profit community health sector.

The Scholarship was established in 2021 through the generous donation of the [Braemar Charitable Trust](#), which aims to improve health outcomes for Waikato communities. The Trust helps those who are the hardest to reach, and who face barriers to accessing health services and as a result suffer poorer health and health outcomes. The Trust has five key pillars to achieve this goal, including ownership of Braemar Hospital; investing in medical research; developing medical knowledge; investing in partnerships to improve health outcomes and providing free or subsidised medical care at Braemar for eligible patients.

One Scholarship will be awarded in 2022 to one MBA candidate who plans to work or is working in the Not-For-Profit community health sector. The Scholarship will have a total value of \$40,000 to be awarded across two years, part-time study.

1. Purpose

- 1.1. To assist a transformational/system change leader who works in a Not-For-Profit organisation in a relevant sector within the Waikato DHB region, focusing on reducing health inequities and improving health access and outcomes for the vulnerable.

2. Eligibility

- 2.1. To be eligible for consideration, candidates must:
 - a) be intending to enrol in the MBA (180 points) at the University of Waikato in 2022 and 2023; and
 - b) meet the eligibility criteria of the University of Waikato MBA and be able to complete the MBA within the timeframe of two years; and
 - c) be from a relevant health field in the Not-For-Profit community sector; and
 - d) work and reside in the wider Waikato region, marked by the [Waikato DHB boundary](#); and
 - e) who wouldn't otherwise have the financial means to undertake an MBA; and
 - f) be a New Zealand citizen or permanent resident.

3. Value and Tenure

- 3.1. The Scholarship will have a value of **\$40,000**, which covers:

- a) The cost of courses that comprise the MBA (not including the Student Services Levy) for 2022 and 2023. The payment in Year Two is conditional on the student passing all courses in Year One.
- 3.2. The Scholarship recipient may receive additional sponsorship for their final project if it has relevance to the Trust's goals and sufficient funding is available and the Trust Board are all in agreement. This is to be negotiated between the recipient and the Trust Board.
- 3.3. The Scholarship will have a maximum tenure of two years.

4. Application

- 4.1. The closing date for online applications is **28 January 2022**.
- 4.2. As part of the online application process, each candidate must submit:
 - a) a Personal Statement (using the prescribed template) that outlines the following:
 - o Why undertaking an MBA is important to the candidate and how their current work would be improved by an MBA qualification; and
 - o Their future ambitions and how undertaking an MBA would enhance the candidate's ability to help reduce health inequalities in the Waikato region; and
 - o Their work and residential address to show they work and reside in the Waikato DHB region; and
 - o A general description of the financial circumstances that mean the candidate might not otherwise be able to undertake an MBA; and
 - o Any other information that may be of relevance to the Selection Panel.

5. Selection Panel and Criteria

- 5.1. The Selection Panel will comprise of the Chair of the Scholarships Committee (or nominee) in the Chair, the Director of Professional Programmes in the Waikato Management School, and a representative appointed by the Braemar Charitable Trust.
- 5.2. In awarding the Scholarship, the Selection Panel will consider the candidates' academic potential, background in the health sector, financial hardship and intention to continue working in the wider Waikato region.
- 5.3. The Selection Panel may refrain from making a decision if it finds no candidate of sufficient merit.
- 5.4. The Selection Panel's decisions are final and no further correspondence will be entered into following the selection meeting.

6. Awarding

- 6.1. The successful applicant(s) will be advised of the offer of a Scholarship via their MyWaikato portal and must accept the offer by the prescribed date or the offer will lapse.

6.2. Through the School of Graduate Research, the University monitors recipients' performance and reserves the right to impose further conditions where a recipient's performance is unsatisfactory.

7. Other Conditions

- 7.1. The Scholarship may be held in conjunction with any other scholarship, award or prize, unless the conditions of the other award preclude this.
- 7.2. Should a recipient withdraw from any papers, without adding sufficient papers to maintain necessary enrolment in the MBA to complete the prescribed papers within the two years, the University may ask for the Scholarship to be repaid.
- 7.3. In accepting the Scholarship, the recipient will be deemed to have read, understood, and accepted the conditions of the Scholarship, and the [Scholarships Policy](#).
- 7.4. The Scholarships Committee may terminate this Scholarship at any time, and recoup any funds disbursed, if the holder withdraws from the University of Waikato, brings the Scholarship, University or Donor into disrepute¹, or is otherwise not complying with the regulations governing the Scholarship and/or the University of Waikato. The holder of a Scholarship will have the right to appeal to the Scholarships Executive against any decision to terminate the award.
- 7.5. The Scholarship is not refundable to the student under any circumstances, although (in the case of fees payment) a student who withdraws from the University may (under the provisions of the Fees Regulations) apply for a refund of tuition fees paid that were not covered by the Scholarship.
- 7.6. By accepting the Scholarship, the recipient agrees to participate in any publicity concerning the Scholarship arranged by the University of Waikato or Donor.
- 7.7. The Scholarships Committee may, from time to time, vary these regulations.

¹ See [Code of Student Conduct](#).