The University of Waikato Summer Research Scholarship Programme was established in 2006 to support and enhance research at the University of Waikato by providing promising students the opportunity to experience the challenges and rewards of research. Scholarships are offered in various disciplines and support a ten-week period of full-time research during C Trimester (November to February). The number of Scholarships offered in any one year will be determined by the availability of funding and supervision.

1. Purpose

1.1. The University of Waikato Summer Research Scholarships support students to embark on a research experience under the Summer Research Scholarship Programme. The Programme is particularly for those considering further study at the University of Waikato and is designed to assist students in the development of their research skills while providing the opportunity to experience the challenges and rewards of research.

2. Eligibility and Selection Criteria

2.1. To be eligible for consideration applicants must:

2.1.1. be enrolled at a New Zealand University and have not yet commenced postgraduate research (i.e., have not undertaken Masters by Research or a doctorate). Applicants concurrently enrolled in taught papers and a thesis (593 or 594) may apply providing they are still in their first year of enrolment in a masters degree.

2.2. Selection of applicants is based on:

2.2.1. Expertise in at least one of the specific areas in which the research is being offered in a given year;

2.2.2. Academic merit. The Grade Point Average (GPA) will be calculated on the candidate’s most recent 240 points of study (i.e. the equivalent of two years’ full-time enrolment); and

2.2.3. Other considerations as outlined in the project advertisements (e.g., willingness to be based at the location of research).

2.2.4. Preference may be given to applicants who intend to continue with postgraduate study at the University of Waikato.

2.3. To maintain eligibility recipients must:

2.3.1. Enrol at the University of Waikato over C Trimester as per clause 3.1.2.

2.3.2. Meet the expectations outlined in the Terms and Conditions of the Summer Research Scholarship Programme.
3. **Value, Awarding and Tenure**

3.1. The scholarship includes the following:

3.1.1. **A $6,000 stipend** paid in four cash instalments as follows:

a. $1,500 on commencement of the project;

b. $1,500 four weeks through the term of the scholarship;

c. $1,500 eight weeks through the term of the scholarship; and

d. $1,500 on submission of the final research poster which must be received by the poster due date outlined in the Terms and Conditions of the Summer Research Scholarship Programme.

3.1.2. Free enrolment in a credit-bearing paper over C Trimester. The specific paper code and enrolment in this paper will be at the discretion of the University and in most cases will be able to form part of the recipient’s degree-programme. The tuition fees and Student Services Levy will be covered by the University.

3.2. All recipients who submit the final research poster are automatically eligible for consideration in the annual *Summer Research Scholarship Poster Awards (see clause 6)* with a value up to $1,000.

3.3. Successful applicants will be advised of the offer of a Summer Research Scholarship through their MyWaikato portal and must accept by the date stipulated in the offer or the offer will lapse.

3.4. The scholarship tenure is for C Trimester only.

4. **Applications**

4.1. Applications for Scholarships close **23 September 2021**.

4.2. Applicants must include with their online application:

a) a curriculum vitae (no longer than four A4 pages in length);

b) a brief one page summary of relevant background, experience, and interest in the research area(s) outlined in the projects;

c) the names of two referees who can provide an academic reference (references may not be from the academics who will supervise the projects that the students are applying for); and

d) where previous tertiary study has not been completed at the University of Waikato applicants must also provide copies of academic transcripts.

5. **Nomination and Selection**

5.1. The Academic Supervisor and any co-supervisor/s or external funders (if applicable) listed on the project abstract will be invited to select and nominate their preferred (and reserve) applicant. They may choose to refrain from making a recommendation if they deem there to be no suitable candidates.

5.2. The nominations will be forwarded to the University of Waikato Chair of the Scholarships Committee (or nominee) for consideration and endorsement.

5.3. The decision of the Academic Supervisor and Chair of the Scholarships Committee is final and no correspondence will be entered into following selection.
6. Research Poster

6.1. Recipients of a Summer Research Scholarship must submit a research poster by the date specified in the Terms and Conditions of the Summer Research Scholarship Programme to receive their final payment and also be considered for the Summer Research Scholarship Poster Awards.

6.1.1. All posters will be reviewed and ranked by the relevant academic representatives on the Research Committee, with the top two student posters from each School/Faculty will be sent to the Scholarships Executive for final consideration.

6.1.2. Awards are announced at the Programme Closing Function, with the student awarded the best poster receiving $1,000, and two runner-ups receiving $500 each.

10. Other Conditions

10.1. In accepting the Scholarship, the recipient will be deemed to have read, understood, and accepted the conditions of the Scholarship and the Scholarships Policy.

10.2. By accepting the Scholarship, the recipient agrees to participate in any publicity concerning the Scholarship arranged by the University of Waikato or the external sponsor/collaborators outlined on the Terms and Conditions of the Summer Research Scholarship Programme.

10.3. The Scholarships Committee may terminate a scholarship at any time and recoup any funds disbursed if the holder withdraws from the University, brings the University into disrepute, or is otherwise not complying with the regulations 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 Scholarships Executive against any decision to terminate the Scholarship.

10.4. The Scholarships Committee has the power to amend or vary these regulations provided that there is no departure from the main purpose of the Scholarship.

10.5. If a recipient is in receipt of a student allowance, another scholarship, or any type of financial assistance, it is their responsibility to check their entitlement to other income and any tax implications.

10.6. International scholars must comply with the conditions of their Immigration New Zealand (INZ) Student Permit.

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1 See Student Code of Conduct