

1. Purpose

- 1.1. Te Piringa – Faculty of Law Graduate Scholarship will be awarded annually to encourage meritorious students to participate in Te Piringa – Faculty of Law Master of Laws programme.

2. Eligibility

- 2.1. Candidates must be eligible for admission and be enrolling full- or part-time in a Master of Laws at Te Piringa - Faculty of Law at the University of Waikato in the year of tenure.
- 2.2. The Scholarship is open to domestic and international students.
- 2.3. Candidates employed by the University of Waikato will not be eligible for the Scholarship however, employment as a sessional assistant, or similar, may be permitted.

3. Value

- 3.1. The Scholarship will have a value of up to \$5,000 and may be divided between multiple recipients.
 - 3.1.1. The amount offered is at the discretion of the Selection Panel and will be based on criteria such as, but not limited to, total available funding, period of enrolment, grades, financial need, number of credits enrolled, number of applicants.
- 3.2. The Scholarship will be credited to the recipient's tuition fees upon confirmation that the candidate is fully enrolled in an approved programme of study.
 - 3.2.1. Should a recipient also hold another fees scholarship, Te Piringa - Faculty of Law Graduate Scholarship can be used to pay the balance of any fees (up to the maximum awarded); however, the scholar will forgo any amount of the Scholarship not credited to their fees.

4. Application

- 4.1. The closing date for applications is **15 August**.
- 4.2. Along with the prescribed application form, each applicant must submit:
 - a) a personal statement (using the prescribed template); and
 - b) an academic reference.
- 4.3. International students enrolling at the University of Waikato for the first time must provide a verified copy of their qualifying academic transcripts and include a grading scale where possible.

5. Selection Criteria

- 5.1. The Scholarship will be offered primarily on the basis of academic merit. Personal and financial circumstances may also be taken in to account.
- 5.2. Assessment of academic merit will focus primarily on the applicant's most recent 240 points of study i.e. the equivalent of two years' full-time enrolment.

6. Selection Panel

- 6.1. The Selection Panel will comprise of the Dean of Law (or their nominee), the Scholarships Committee Representative from the Division of Arts, Law and Social Sciences, and the Te Piringa – Faculty of Law representative on the ALPSS Postgraduate Committee.
- 6.2. The Selection Panel may refrain from making a recommendation if it finds no candidate of sufficient merit.
- 6.3. 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 successful applicants will be offered the Scholarship on condition that they enrol full- or part-time in a Master of Laws at Te Piringa - Faculty of Law at the University of Waikato in the year of tenure.
- 7.2. The Scholarship will have a maximum tenure of one year and must be taken up in the year for which it is offered.
- 7.3. The offer of a Scholarship must be accepted by the date indicated in the offer. If an applicant declines a Scholarship, or does not take it up, the Scholarship may be offered to another applicant.

8. Other Conditions

- 8.1. The Scholarship may be held together with any other scholarship, award, prize or student allowance, unless the conditions of the other award preclude this.
- 8.2. In accepting the Scholarship, the recipient will be deemed to have read, understood, and accepted the conditions of the Scholarship and the [Scholarships Policy](#).
- 8.3. 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 Sponsor into disrepute¹, or is otherwise not 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 Scholarships Executive against any decision to terminate the Scholarship.
- 8.4. 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.
- 8.5. By accepting an Award, the recipient agrees to participate in any publicity concerning the scholarship arranged by the University of Waikato.

¹ See [Code of Student Conduct](#)