The Martha Morse Student Exchange Scholarships were established in 2013 to enhance awareness and foster interest in exchange programmes offered by the University of Waikato, Te Piringa–Faculty of Law. It is extremely beneficial for law students to acquire greater knowledge of substantive law and legal systems in other countries.

1. Purpose

   1.1. This Scholarship enables Te Piringa–Faculty of Law students to participate in exchange programmes offered by the University of Waikato.

2. Eligibility

   2.1. To be eligible for consideration, candidates must:
      
      a) have completed at least two years of study in papers offered by Te Piringa-Faculty of Law and be eligible to apply for exchange programmes;
      b) have been accepted into a University of Waikato exchange programme;
      c) be a domestic or international student; and,
      d) be enrolled full or part-time in a Bachelor of Laws (LLB) at Te Piringa-Faculty of Law.

   2.2. Preference will be given to students who have achieved at least a minimum of B+ grade average in the last two semesters and have at least one semester remaining at Te Piringa, after completion of the exchange programme.

3. Value

   3.1. The Scholarships will have a value of up to $1,000. The value of the Scholarship will be applied directly to the recipient’s tuition fees after the semester withdrawal date. The amount offered for this Bursary is at the discretion of the Selection Committee and will be based on criteria such as, but not limited to, total available funding, grades, financial need, number of credits enrolled, number of applicants, and period of enrolment.

   3.2. The Scholarship will be paid as a lump sum prior to the student’s departure, upon confirmation to the Scholarships office from the International Officer.

4. Application

   4.1. Applications will close on 15 September, 2021 (for exchanges in A Trimester of the following year).

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1 For more information on the Law Exchange Programme and Study Abroad, and a list of approved host institutions, please visit: [http://www.waikato.ac.nz/law/undergraduate/exchange_programme_study_abroad](http://www.waikato.ac.nz/law/undergraduate/exchange_programme_study_abroad)
4.2. Applicants will complete the Scholarship Application as part of their online Waikato OE application. As part of this application each applicant must complete and then upload a Personal Statement (1-3 pages) that includes the following subheadings:

- Overseas exchange/internship;
- International Experience;
- Future study and employment plans;
- Community, sporting, and cultural involvement; and
- Academic achievements.

4.3. The application must upload a brief CV (of no more than three pages in length).

5. Selection Panel and Selection Criteria

5.1. The panel will comprise of the Scholarships Committee Representative from the Division of Arts, Law, Psychology and Social Sciences (as Chair), the Dean of Law and an Academic Representative nominated by the Dean of Law.

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

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

5.4. Scholarships will be awarded based on applicant's academic performance, their goals and aspirations, clarity of purpose underlying the desire to pursue a Waikato OE, and in some cases financial hardship.

6. Awarding

6.1. All applicants will be advised of the outcome of their application.

6.2. 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 and the Selection Panel may reoffer the Scholarship to another applicant.

6.3. The payment of a Scholarship is conditional on the recipient being accepted into a University of Waikato exchange programme, and by a partner university, for the relevant semester.

6.4. The tenure of the Scholarship is one semester.

6.5. A Scholarship shall be taken up in the semester for which it is offered.

7. Other Conditions

7.1. The Scholarship may be held with any other bursary, scholarship, or award, provided
the regulations of the other award allow this.

7.2. 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.

7.3. If, during the tenure of the Scholarship, a recipient’s circumstances change in such a manner that their continued eligibility for the Scholarship may be affected, they must inform the Scholarships Committee (via the School of Graduate Research - Scholarships) immediately (scholarships@waikato.ac.nz).

7.4. The Scholarships Committee may terminate a Scholarship at any time, and recoup any funds disbursed, if the holder is not following the approved programme of study, withdraws from the University during the tenure of the Scholarship, brings the Scholarship or University into disrepute\(^2\), or is not otherwise complying with the regulations governing the Scholarship and/or the University of Waikato. The recipient will have the right to appeal against any decision to terminate the Scholarship.

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

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

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

\(^2\)See Student Code of Conduct.