Onshore study in A Trimester 2021

FAQs for new international students studying onshore in New Zealand

What is the 20% tuition bursary?

The University is giving a 20% tuition fee bursary to all new international students who start their qualification studying on the Hamilton campus in 2021. The bursary will be applied to a maximum of 120 points taken in your first academic year of study only.

Students who study at our Tauranga campus will be automatically awarded the Tauranga Campus Bursary which has been offered by the University since the opening of the Tauranga campus in early 2019. They are not eligible to receive the 20% tuition fee bursary.

How do I apply for the 20% bursary?

There is no need to apply – it will be automatically applied to the tuition fees you pay to the University.

How much is the 20% bursary?

The actual amount will depend on the qualification you enrol in and the papers you choose. New students pay what we call an ‘indicative’ fee. That’s where we have worked out what the standard tuition fee for each degree would be if you just took papers (units/modules/classes) in that degree area. We always encourage our students to take papers from other subject areas but this may change the final tuition fee.

How do I receive the 20% bursary?

Once you have enrolled, our system works out the final tuition fee and applies the 20% bursary to that amount. This appears as a credit in your fee account.

Will students who are progressing from Waikato Pathways College programmes be eligible for the bursary?

Yes, if you have completed a programme through Waikato Pathways College and are progressing to another qualification at the University you will be eligible for this 20% bursary.
Can I still apply for a scholarship if I receive the 20% bursary?

Hamilton

School Leavers: If you are a school leaver (meaning you completed your NZ high school study in 2020) and you want to study in Hamilton, you will automatically receive the 20% bursary for your first year of study.

You are also eligible to apply for our International Excellence New Zealand Schools Leavers Scholarship. If you are successful, you can receive both the bursary AND the scholarship.

New undergraduate/postgraduate students: If you are new to Waikato in 2021 (undergraduate or postgraduate), you will automatically receive the 20% bursary. You are also eligible to apply for our International Excellence Scholarship. If you are successful, you must choose between receiving the 20% bursary and the Scholarship. This scholarship is based on merit and the amount students receive varies.

Returning Waikato international students: If you are a returning Waikato student, you will be awarded the 20% bursary for a new postgraduate enrolment only. You are not eligible to apply for any new student scholarships.

Transferring students: If you are a student transferring to Waikato from another NZ university, polytechnic or private training establishment, you may apply for our scholarships, however the scholarship will take into consideration the length of time you will study at Waikato. If you are not eligible for a scholarship, you will receive the 20% bursary.

Please note: the 20% bursary does not apply to any currently enrolled University of Waikato international student who is continuing with the same programme of study in 2021. It also does not include students who are moving from a graduate certificate/diploma or a postgraduate certificate/diploma into another postgraduate qualification which is part of a package offer.

To learn more about our scholarships, please visit the scholarship information on our website.

Tauranga

International students who study at our Tauranga campus will be automatically awarded the Tauranga Campus International Bursary which has been in place since the opening of the Tauranga campus in early 2019 but will not receive the 20% bursary that is being applied to tuition fees.

International high school leavers studying in Tauranga high schools are able to eligible for the International Excellence NCEA Scholarship but these students will be asked to choose between the two awards.