The University of Waikato Foundation – Te Pou Taunaki is an independent charitable trust and the vehicle by which the University of Waikato receives donations and ensures funds are distributed to chosen areas.

Every single dollar raised goes towards helping students achieve their potential and to maximise the economic and social impact of the University. Key areas of investment include scholarships, research, learning environments and the Endowment Fund, which is building to a point where it can help the University through strategic investment of gains made.

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For many of us 2021 was another year of coming to terms with the implications of Covid-19, coupled with further lockdowns and restrictions in the latter half of the year. Please accept my best wishes to you, your family and friends, as we continue to deal with this global pandemic.

MESSAGE FROM THE PATRON
Dr John Gallagher, CNZM, KStJ, JP

As I said in last year’s Highlights Report, the generosity and support of communities banding together continues to be a welcome high note. In particular, it is heartening to see individuals and organisations look inward to see how they can best nurture and sustain the talent and expertise in front of them.

In that sense, Covid-19 has presented us with a unique opportunity. Where once we often saw talented graduates move offshore, we are now seeing real effort being made to nurture great students and future graduates, whether that is through developing innovative degree programmes that will help them change the world, or providing meaningful avenues of financial support through scholarships to help them get there a bit faster.

It may surprise many to know that the University of Waikato, and indeed all other universities in New Zealand, receives only basic student funding from the government and it is up to those of us who can help to make a difference in all the other areas of their education. That is why your help is so crucial, especially through testing times.

As you read through this year’s report, you will see just how your support is enabling students to dream big and pursue careers and opportunities that will help them make a big impact on the world.

MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR
Peta Goldsworthy, APR, FPRINZ

Obvious challenges aside, 2021 has seen us build upon the efforts we established in 2020, which included a continued focus on philanthropy and recognising and celebrating our many and varied donors.

We welcomed some of our donors to campus in March for our inaugural Donor Day, and it was great to meet so many of you and thank you in-person for the support you have given the University.

Later in the year we re-established our annual appeal, encouraging alumni and the university community to support scholarships for students who are going on to make a big impact in areas of need. You can read more about the appeal on page eight.

This year we welcomed several new organisational donors to the Foundation, many of them expressing a desire to support students, through scholarships, in areas of need to our economies and communities. This includes helping students in health, nursing, and health leadership, encouraging more women into STEM subjects, and engineering and management.

We have also celebrated key milestones at the University in 2021: 30 years of Te Tohu Paetahi, the University’s total immersion Māori language programme, 30 years since Te Piringa – Faculty of Law opened its doors in 1991, and 50 years of Bryant Hall. We also look forward to celebrating upcoming milestones in the next few years, including 50 years of Management and 20 years of Engineering in 2022, and 50 years of Computing and Mathematical Sciences in 2023, and the University’s 60th anniversary in 2024.

My sincere thanks to all of our donors. Enabling access to education is life-changing for students, and is crucial for addressing some of the world’s big problems. Thank you.
ORGANISATIONS SEE VALUE IN SUPPORTING STUDENTS

BRAEMAR CHARITABLE TRUST BOOSTS HEALTH OFFERINGS AT WAIKATO

Students studying health at the University of Waikato are now able to apply for several new scholarships, thanks to significant support from Braemar Charitable Trust.

Braemar Charitable Trust is a Waikato-based and focused charitable trust and owner of Braemar Hospital in Hamilton – one of New Zealand’s leading private surgical hospitals. The Trust also runs a charitable surgery programme, working alongside Braemar Hospital’s surgeons and anaesthetists to provide free surgeries for eligible patients.

The Trust funds two undergraduate scholarships in health and nursing, two Summer Research Scholarships, and a Master of Business Administration (MBA) scholarship for a candidate working in health leadership. The Trust also aims to provide opportunities for education, research and professional development to the University.

Its support came as the University welcomed its first intake into the new Bachelor of Nursing programme.

Braemar Charitable Trust celebrated 50 years in 2021, and says it is excited to partner with the University to grow health capability in the Waikato region and encourage and support great students into the health sector.

“Alongside our commitment to improving health outcomes for people in our region, we are also passionate about creating partnerships and collaborations so we can do more together for the region’s health. We believe strongly that partnerships such as this will build greater capability in the wider health sector now, and well into the future.”

FIRST BRAEMAR SCHOLAR KEEN TO ADDRESS HEALTH INEQUITIES

Karen Turanga (Ngāi Tahu) is the inaugural recipient of the Braemar Charitable Trust Bachelor of Health Scholarship, one of several health-focused scholarships the Trust established to support students to help make a difference to community health.

Karen has more than 30 years of clinical experience in the military and private practice as a dental hygienist, a clinical support lead and a compliance and governance specialist. She made the big decision to undertake tertiary study for the first time in her life, and she has a great reason for doing it.

“My goal is to engage with communities and all levels of health governance to critique and design health initiatives, policies, interventions, and their outcomes,” she says.

Karen is grateful for the scholarship and sees it as support of her passion for reducing health inequities and improving access for care to vulnerable people in Aotearoa.

“I am extremely appreciative to have the support of Braemar Charitable Trust as I do my very best to live up to the kaupapa.”
Tower Insurance is pledging $45,000 over three years to support students in the world-first Bachelor of Climate Change degree at the University of Waikato.

The three-year degree will provide a combination of scientific knowledge, socio-economic understanding, and cultural diversity of climate change issues. Tower’s contribution will help the University nurture a workforce with a comprehensive understanding of climate change to lead New Zealand’s transformation towards a zero-emissions society.

Tower’s partnership involves three scholarships for first-year students worth $5000 each year. The agreement means a total of nine first-year students in the new degree across the three years will receive a helping hand.

Tower’s chief executive officer Blair Turnbull says “we are delighted to be the first corporate supporter for the Bachelor of Climate Change, and to support the next generation of climate change thought-leaders.

“As part of our focus on a sustainable future, we are looking to partner with like-minded businesses and universities to better understand climate change, and to help support plans and actions for our customers, communities and councils to mitigate the impact.”

Gallagher invests in region’s future through scholarships

Both the Gallagher family and the company have a long-standing history of support for the University of Waikato and this support has been re-affirmed with the Group funding three new scholarships, starting in 2022.

The scholarships will support students studying engineering management, management studies, and data science. The engineering management and management studies scholarships come with an additional opportunity for a work placement with Gallagher, a valuable chance for students to apply their learnings in real-world scenarios.

Gallagher CEO & Executive Director Kahl Betham says the company chose to support three areas of study to emphasise the specific local expertise in the Waikato region, while also aligning with the company’s areas of interest and investment.

“As a region we have a real wealth of expertise in engineering, data, and business leadership. We wanted to help foster these skills, which we know are key to an innovative future.

“It’s important that we continue to build talent within the region, which we believe will be achieved through our next generation of students, and we look forward to seeing this translated into our region’s future.”

Each scholarship is worth $10,000, awarded annually. These new scholarships are in addition to the Group’s broader support for the University which includes the Sir William Gallagher Master of Cyber Security Scholarship, the Gallagher Academy of Performing Arts, and more.

Female STEM students entering their second or third year of study from 2022 can apply for the new TOMRA Fresh Food Scholarship for Women in STEM, worth $7,500, part of a $45,000 pledge by BBC Technologies.

TOMRA Fresh Food, which is the parent company of BBC Technologies, specialises in advanced optical sorting and grading of fresh produce utilising artificial intelligence, imaging and sensor-based technologies.

CEO Geoff Furniss says TOMRA Fresh Food is proud to be supporting Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths students and encouraging more females to seek careers in the industry.

“Our goal is to support future leaders in technology and to encourage more women to make their mark on the industry.

“We are proud to be partnering with students at the University of Waikato. STEM subjects are at the heart of innovation and product development, and we are pleased to support emerging talent focused in these areas.”
ALUMNI GIVING BACK

DISTINGUISHED ALUMNUS SUPPORTS ACADEMIC TALENT

One of the University of Waikato’s most successful alumni is now proud to be giving back to his alma mater. Distinguished Alumnus Dr Andrew Smith is funding an annual medal in excellence and kicking off a Distinguished Alumni scholarship, both to recognise outstanding students.

From 2022 the Dr Andrew Smith Medal for Academic Excellence will be awarded annually to the most academically outstanding student completing an undergraduate degree in any discipline across the University.

Meanwhile, the Distinguished Alumni Scholarship will provide financial support to outstanding students in their final year of study in a conjoint degree, or degree with a double major, spanning management and the sciences. Students can apply for the scholarship from 2022.

Andrew graduated with Bachelor and Masters of Science degrees, majoring in physics, with first class honours in 1989. That same year he became the University’s first Rhodes Scholar, which saw him attend Oxford University to complete his doctorate.

He then spent 16 years working in consumer and grocery markets in the UK, Ireland, Australia and New Zealand, for companies including Fonterra, Unilever, and Proctor and Gamble. In 2009 he was appointed CEO at Prolife Foods.

In 2019 he received a Distinguished Alumni Award from the University in recognition of his international business success.

Andrew says he is proud to be supporting outstanding students at his old university. “The University, and the region, are where I’m closest to and have had a good portion of my career based at Prolife Foods. I grew up in Hamilton, attending Knighton Normal, Peachgrove Intermediate and Hillcrest High, and I thoroughly enjoyed being a student at Waikato.

“Supporting high achieving students helps show them their value, and encourages them to continue to achieve especially in those later years of university, where you start to get exposure to complex ideas and that critical thinking that is so essential in the workplace.”

YOUNG ALUMNI SHOW IT’S NEVER TOO EARLY TO GIVE BACK

Alumni couple Chelsea Blackstock and Chris Wakefield, both in their late 20s, wanted to make a start giving back to the University where they formed the foundations of their science careers, sooner rather than later.

While they studied the same degree at Waikato, a Bachelor of Science (Technology), it wasn’t until they were both working at Hamilton-based Analytica Laboratories, Chris as Honey Chemistry Team Leader and Chelsea as a Polymerase Chain Reaction Technician, that they met.

Both are passionate about science and helping others, and were keen to set up a prize at the University of Waikato to support third-year science students.

“We chose to focus our support on third-year students because we know how tough it can be when you’re reaching the end of your degree,” says Chelsea.

“Chris and I both hit a snag during our third year and began wondering if it was something we really wanted to do.”

They were able to push through, and they consider themselves lucky to have completed their degree without too many other challenges.

“There are so many people who are facing a lot of adversity and still manage to get through a science degree – their dedication is admirable. We hope this support will give students the encouragement they need to complete the final stages of their degree, because it is so worth it in the end.”
BY THE NUMBERS: 2021

- **$2m** in new pledges
- **170+** students received nearly $370,000 in scholarships
- **$1.6m** in new philanthropic scholarships and prizes established
- **$1.3m+** in total donations
- **11.9%** Endowment Fund portfolio performance
- **58%** of individual donors in 2021 were alumni
- **$12.9m** in managed funds
- **23** staff gave through payroll giving
ANNUAL APPEAL RE-ESTABLISHED

In 2021 the University of Waikato encouraged alumni and the wider community to support scholarships for students to help them gain the knowledge and skills they need to address the complex problems we will face in the years to come.

The appeal featured stories from previous scholarship recipients who with financial help have been able to start making big contributions in key areas faster than they would have otherwise.

Director of Development and Alumni Relations Peta Goldsworthy says studying is harder than it has ever been, and scholarships can help students finish their studies and start making meaningful contributions in their careers and communities without having to worry about significant student debt.

“Students face increasingly higher costs of living, and many have to work just as hard outside of university to pay their bills, and will more likely graduate with considerable student debt.

“Scholarships are an impactful way to springboard students into their future. When a financial burden is lifted, students can focus completely on their studies and start solving those big problems we face, and quickly.”

Thank you to everyone who donated to the University’s Annual Appeal in 2021.

STUDENTS AND ALUMNI MAKING A DIFFERENCE WITH THEIR SCHOLARSHIPS

KAITLIN TE RITO: Creating innovative solutions in the dairy industry
A recent engineering graduate, Kaitlin says the scholarship support she received propelled her into a role where she’s putting her problem-solving skills to good use in the dairy industry, as a process project engineer at Hamilton-based PDV Consultants.

“Scholarships relieved a lot of stress and I wasn’t having to worry about money or my student loan. They also gave me enough financial support to allow me to find summer placements that would further my learning, and ultimately lead me to where I am now.”

LEO OLIVER-DOWLING: Protecting internet users against malicious cyber attacks
As a Master of Cyber Security student, Leo is on a mission to protect internet users against malicious cyber attacks.

Leo is studying cryptovirology, looking into how cryptography is used to design malicious software, or malware. Hundreds of millions of cyber attacks occur each year, and Leo hopes to change that.

“Cybercrime can devastate businesses, communities and individuals. My goal is to work at the forefront of cyber security while helping people at the same time.”

SAM FELLOWS: Championing sustainability at Tauranga City Council
Sam reckons he wouldn’t be where he is today without the University of Waikato. The law and sport alumnus received several scholarships during his studies, which he says fast-tracked him to his dream career as a lawyer and into a variety of volunteer roles. Now he’s leading the charge in sustainability at Tauranga City Council.

The first in his family to go to university, Sam is grateful for the support and opportunities he had at Waikato. “I always felt supported and like someone believed in me, and now I do my best to inspire that in others.”

TE RIRIA POTIKI: Helping iwi mitigate negative impacts on the environment
Environmental Planning student Te Riria wants to help iwi mitigate negative impacts on the environment as a result of increased development.

She has received several scholarships and says with the financial weight lifted she’s been able to make quick progress in her studies and find time to give back to her community.

“I’m so grateful for the support I have had so far. Because I know I haven’t had to worry about student debt I know I’ll be able to get straight to work helping the environment and my iwi.”
In 2021 opera singer Madeleine Pierard was named the inaugural Dame Malvina Major Chair in Opera at the University of Waikato.

The new, philanthropically-funded position has been established as part of plans for growth in Music at the University, and to train singers and develop support as they begin their careers. It has been funded by Sir William and Lady Judi Gallagher to honour the career and contributions of opera singer and Honorary Associate in Music Dame Malvina Major.

Madeleine Pierard is a New Zealand-born and raised opera singer, returning home in 2021 from London with her family after performing extensively overseas. Originally from Napier, Madeleine completed studies in musicology, composition and biomedical science at Victoria University in Wellington. She then completed her MMus at the RCM International Opera School in London, before embarking on an award-winning performing career in residence at London’s Royal Opera House, as well as throughout Europe, Asia and New Zealand.

Sir William and Lady Judi Gallagher, through their newly-established foundation, are funding several new scholarships a year to support students across a range of subjects. Up to eight students will receive a scholarship each year, each worth up to $10,000, across computing and mathematical science, engineering, management and music (specifically opera).

The Sir William and Lady Judi Gallagher Foundation Scholarship will be awarded to students going into their second or third year in an undergraduate degree in the relevant subject area, and preferably to those who have gone to high school in the Waikato or Bay of Plenty region. Special consideration will be given to applicants who demonstrate academic excellence within their field of study and show commitment to the wider community.

Sir William and Lady Judi say they are delighted to further their support of students at the University.

“We believe the subject areas we are supporting are key to driving society forward. While they may seem diverse, we are confident students will benefit from this support and go on to make great contributions that will benefit industry and the community alike.”
HOW TO MAKE AN IMPACT

At the University of Waikato, there are a range of areas to support, including scholarships, research, campus developments, the Endowment fund, or legacy gifts such as bequests. Every single dollar raised goes towards helping students achieve their potential and to maximise the economic and social impact of the University.

SUPPORT FUTURE-FOCUSED RESEARCH

Research is critical for moving New Zealand forward. The University is an engine room for new knowledge, the centre of a network of research institutions. Our research supports social development, economic progress, and environmental sustainability in New Zealand and beyond. It is focused on understanding and protecting our environment, supporting wellbeing and reducing inequities in healthcare, broad and important health and nursing education, building a smart economy, and the security and safety of our communities in person and online.

CREATE THE BEST ENVIRONMENT

Our Hamilton and Tauranga campuses are dedicated to providing students with cutting-edge learning spaces and inspiring surroundings to help them succeed. This is evident in our stunning Tauranga campus, and the University is now building an innovative and versatile new facility, in Hamilton The Pā, which will transform the on-campus experience for students, staff, visitors, and the wider community. Other plans in the works include construction of a new Engineering Building and a much-needed extension to the Gallagher Academy of Performing Arts.

MAKE A LASTING DIFFERENCE

By supporting the University’s Endowment Fund, it allows the University to put gifts towards an area of great need, while also enhancing the impact of the gift. The Endowment Fund exists in perpetuity, and is building to a point where the money it generates can be used to help the University. You can also talk to us about making a bequest, a gift in your will that will make a long-lasting impact in an area of your choice.

INCREASE ACCESS TO EDUCATION

Scholarships celebrate the excellence and potential of our students. They can remove barriers to tertiary study, and enable students to realise and achieve their potential. Most importantly, scholarships tell students that someone believes in them, and it fast-tracks them to making a big impact in the world. Students can receive support from donors in several ways, from named scholarships through to prizes, and donations for student hardship.
The University of Waikato is very grateful to these 2021 donors. Your generous support through the Foundation enables students to realise their potential, staff to deliver world-changing research, and enhances the economic and social impact of the University.

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