2022 HIGHLIGHTS
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.
MESSAGE FROM THE PATRON
Dr John Gallager, CNZM, KStJ, JP

In reflecting on another year, the ongoing generosity of donors – both to the University and other causes – remains a bright spot. It is true that philanthropic support prevails in testing times, and I am very pleased to see that so many continue to prioritise giving when and where they can.

Like many organisations, the University is still recovering from the impacts of Covid-19. In the University of Waikato Foundation – Te Pou Taunaki, our focus remains on supporting the University to achieve its strategic aims, enabling crucial research, and helping outstanding students make an impact on the world around them. By focusing on helping those around us, we are paving a sustainable way forward – and I thank you for supporting us in this endeavour.

I hope that in reading through the 2022 report you are reassured your support is being used to benefit students, and enabling the impact they will go on to make. We know that when students feel supported and that someone believes in them, they carry that with them and go on to help others in their communities.

My best wishes to all our donors. Thank you for your continuing support.

MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR
Peta Goldsworthy, APR, FPRINZ

In 2022 we saw the ongoing generosity of alumni, staff, and our wider community across several initiatives, some of which are funded entirely through philanthropic support.

Notably, we launched Te Pae Kōkako - The Aotearoa New Zealand Opera Studio (TANZOS), an immersive Master of Music programme in Advanced Opera Studies, with funded places for six promising opera singers. The programme is the long-held vision of Dame Malvina Major, a Senior Fellow in Music at the University, and is being overseen by soprano Madeleine Pierard, the inaugural Dame Malvina Major Chair in Opera.

During the previous year we welcomed support from several new organisational donors, and I am pleased to have welcomed more in 2022. It is evident organisations are seeing value in supporting students through scholarships, particularly in areas of need to our economies and communities. This includes ongoing help for students in health and nursing, students studying climate change, and encouraging more women into computer science and software engineering, and investing.

We also saw the continuation of another annual appeal, after it was re-established in 2021, to which many of you responded. Our aim is to restore this part of the giving process at Waikato.

I enjoyed thanking many of you in person at our Donor Days in Hamilton and Tauranga during the year, but all our donors make a big impact in the lives of our students. My sincere thanks for your support, it is very much appreciated.
INVESTING IN THE FUTURE

New organisation-funded scholarships in 2022 highlight the importance of supporting students well before they reach the workplace.

THE FUTURE IS FEMALE: NEW SCHOLARSHIP FOR WOMEN IN TECH

Leading packet capture technology firm Endace has announced a new scholarship to support women in computer science and software engineering.

Endace was spun out of research conducted at the University of Waikato more than 20 years ago, and the company is now returning to its roots by funding two undergraduate scholarships, worth $10,000 each, to support women studying computer science or software engineering, with each scholarship providing work experience opportunities for the successful candidates.

Now a global authority on packet capture technology – the practice of capturing and analysing network data – Endace works with world-leading telcos and mobile carriers, banks and financial traders, media companies, healthcare organisations, and government and military to help them manage their critical data networks.

Endace CEO Stuart Wilson says the scholarships recognise the valuable contributions women can make in the technology industry.

“The Women in Technology Scholarship is one of the ways Endace is working to support and encourage women. We are committed to empowering women in tech to help create a more balanced and innovative workforce.”

PROMISING FEMALE BUSINESS STUDENTS SUPPORTED BY INDUSTRY

Leading investment specialists Craigs Investment Partners (Craigs) is committing to the next generation of women in business by establishing an undergraduate scholarship for promising female business students.

The Craigs Investment Partners Scholarship for Women in Business has been set up in an effort to encourage and support more women into a career in business, especially finance.

Head of People and Performance Sara Broadhurst says Craigs is passionate about encouraging more women into the finance industry, and the scholarship is part of the wider efforts to support women generally in finance and investing.

“We are delighted to support the next generation of women business leaders coming through by partnering with the University of Waikato, through the women in business scholarship. Our goal is to encourage and support more women to become successful in seeking a career in finance and business and to contribute to the future success of New Zealand.”

The scholarship will be awarded to one student enrolled in either the third or final year of a Bachelor of Business, or the fourth and final year of a Bachelor of Management Studies with Honours. Each scholarship is worth $7,500 and includes the opportunity for in-person mentoring with a senior female leader at Craigs’ head office in Tauranga.
SCHOLARSHIPS SET TO HAVE PRACTICAL IMPACT ON TAURANGA

Doctoral scholarship to analyse orthopaedic surgery outcomes

Tauranga Orthopaedic Research Society Inc (TORSI) will support a doctoral scholarship, worth $75,000, to help support a study award at the University of Waikato.

TORSI was created in 2005 by eight orthopaedic surgeons in Tauranga to study the outcomes of orthopaedic surgeries. There are now 17 orthopaedic surgeons in Tauranga and three in Whakatane who contribute valuable patient information to the database, incorporating de-identified patient data from three hospitals in the Bay of Plenty regions; Grace Hospital, Tauranga Hospital and Whakatane Hospital.

The successful doctoral candidate will assist TORSI in exploring, in detail, the outcomes of surgical interventions and patient management of data held within the TORSI database.

Council invests in future areas of need

A new scholarship for first-year engineering and environmental science students in Tauranga aims to create new connections between students and industry in the Bay.

The Tauranga Moana Futures scholarships are funded by Tauranga City Council and focus on areas of study that employers are hungry for and will have a real, practical impact on the city.

The two scholarships both come with guaranteed paid summer internships or summer research scholarships within the chosen area of study. Each scholarship is worth up to $40,000 over the course of a student’s undergraduate degree.

Stephen Selwood, a Tauranga City Council Commissioner, says the council’s investment in the future of the region’s workforce is a “no-brainer.”

“This city and region will undergo significant change over the next decade. We are crying out for engineers and environmental scientists – and people who know the landscape and are familiar with the structures of our industry and can contribute right from their first year of study are going to be invaluable.

“Tauranga is fast becoming a tertiary destination, and we’re excited about the life and energy that students bring to the city. We’re pleased to be backing the future of Tauranga Moana with these scholarships and look forward to more similar local government and industry partnerships in the future.”
An opera studio focused on career readiness for talented young New Zealand singers has been launched at the University of Waikato.

Te Pae Kōkako – The Aotearoa New Zealand Opera Studio (TANZOS) is the long-held vision of Dame Malvina Major, a Senior Fellow in Music at the University. She has long wanted to see New Zealand’s brightest young opera stars trained in-country, without having to face the large costs and family separations caused by having further training overseas before joining industry.

For its inaugural year in 2023, six promising young opera singers have been chosen from across the country for the immersive Master of Music programme in Advanced Opera Studies. TANZOS will provide training from national and international tutors, and the opera students will travel to residencies in New Zealand and abroad. It is the first programme of its kind in New Zealand to combine academic rigour with immersive industry training.

The programme is headed by New Zealand soprano Professor Madeleine Pierard, the University’s inaugural Dame Malvina Major Chair in Opera. An internationally-recognised opera singer, Professor Pierard returned to New Zealand from London to take up the position alongside her international career. Her role is funded by Hamilton philanthropists Sir William and Judi, Lady Gallagher to acknowledge Dame Malvina’s legacy.

Professor Pierard says the programme will include intensive repertoire coaching, language coaching, stagecraft and even resilience work to help singers navigate the specific challenges that life as a freelance opera singer presents.

"This programme will provide a springboard for Aotearoa’s stunning young singers and I am so pleased that we are able to bring this long-held vision of Dame Malvina to the fore."

The programme was launched in 2022 at a special event held at the Gallagher home, featuring current vocal students and alumni. The event was attended by supporters, partners, donors, and included Waikato vocal alumnus Filipe Manu, who attended the event days after winning the Lexus Song Quest.
BY THE NUMBERS: 2022

$844k in new pledges

140+ students received $553,000 in scholarships

$689k in new philanthropic scholarships and prizes established

-11.71% Endowment Fund portfolio performance

1.9m in total donations

$13m in managed funds

$1m gifts already pledged for 2023

66% of individual donors who are alumni
A LEGACY OF SUPPORT

Many of our donors are inspired to do good in their communities and create a legacy of goodwill and support. From establishing a bequest, donating art for others to enjoy, or moving towards a circular economy for the health of our planet, these donors are an inspiration to others looking to follow in their footsteps.

DONORS COME FULL CIRCLE WITH BEQUEST

Fifty years since first arriving at the University of Waikato from the UK, Jan and Michael Tennant have established a bequest to support scholarships and football in what they say is a mark of affection for the University and the happy memories they have of their time here.

The Tennants arrived in New Zealand in 1972 to pursue a career in teaching, having heard they could combine professional studies with a degree course at Waikato. They say it’s hard to overstate just how much they enjoyed and valued their studies.

“Both the teacher education course and the undergraduate studies we pursued were of the highest standard. We were taught by a number of truly inspirational teachers and lecturers, and we feel strongly that the professional and academic grounding we were lucky enough to acquire laid the foundations for whatever success we may have been able to achieve since.”

After graduating and returning to the UK, the Tennants both pursued further education and went on to successful careers – Jan in teaching and higher education, and Mike in probation policy.

Now retired in Switzerland, the Tennants are pleased to have set up a bequest that will benefit students for years to come. “To know that new generations of students might be able to enjoy the benefits and privileges that we had all those years ago is a reward in itself.”

ART DONATION FOR ALL TO ENJOY

Emeritus Professor Alexandra Barratt, a leading scholar in English and medieval studies, has donated a pot by award-winning New Zealand potter Len Castle in honour of her late husband Dr Robert Welch ONZM. Dr Welch was an animal physiologist who spent the majority of his career at AgResearch, and had many good relationships with other scientists at the University of Waikato.

The Blossom Pot will become part of the University’s official art collection, and placed in a location on campus where it can be enjoyed by many.

SCHOLARSHIP HELPS SPARK ENVIRONMENTAL CHANGE

A philanthropically-funded Master of Management Studies project at the University of Waikato is set to make a significant contribution to New Zealand’s circular economy, and so is its recipient Gavin Walsh.

The scholarship sits within Āmiomio Aotearoa, a Waikato-led, trans-disciplinary research project that aims to help move society to a place where waste, pollution and greenhouse gases are designed out of our industries, materials are kept in circulation, and natural systems are regenerated.

With a focus on the construction industry in particular, Gavin is looking at how some of the materials and products associated with construction can have their life extended and renewed through building relationships between small businesses, large institutions, policy makers and consumers – with the ultimate goal of helping prevent construction waste going to landfill.

He says while such change can be tough, it is necessary. “We can’t keep going the way we have been, the environment can no longer support it. We’ve got to this stage where everything we consume has to be new, when what we really need is a total shift in thinking and a return to things we used to value – like frugality and thriftiness.”

The scholarship is funded by Penny White, a Waikato alumna with a personal interest in sustainability and environmental protection. She had been searching for an area of sustainability to donate to, and as a graduate of the University was keen to give back to her alma mater.

“in particular I wanted to support research into replacing plastics or re-using materials that have a long lifespan into something else of value. I saw the University was doing some great work with circular economies, so funding the masters scholarship made sense, and I’m excited to watch Gavin’s progress in this area,” she says.
HELPING STUDENTS ON THEIR WAY

Scholarships celebrate the excellence and potential of our students. They remove barriers to study, and enable students to realise and achieve their potential. These scholarships have been generously funded by donors who believe in the transformative power of education, and they will help recipients make a difference in their communities faster than they would have otherwise.

SCHOLARSHIP ENABLES STUDENTS TO TACKLE CLIMATE CHANGE

First-year Bachelor of Climate Change students Morgan Harris and Georgina Barwood are the inaugural winners of the Tower Insurance Climate Change Scholarship.

Tower established the scholarship in 2021 to acknowledge the need to nurture a workforce that has a comprehensive understanding of climate change. Morgan and Georgina were chosen based on their commitment to understanding climate change and their desire to communicate its impact to the wider community to assist in implementing real-world solutions.

Morgan, a former Hauraki Plains College student, hopes to use what she learns as a tool to help communities understand what climate change means, and she hopes to be able to bridge the gap between science and implementation of real-world solutions.

Georgina, who returned to study after 20 years as an English teacher, wants to offer a sense of hope for her children and to teach them there is something we can do about climate change.

Tower’s CEO Blair Turnbull says Tower is thrilled to support Morgan and Georgina. “Tower’s commitment is about enabling the best and the brightest to tackle the climate change challenge, that’s why we are supporting the University of Waikato Bachelor of Climate Change degree.”

A HELPING HAND FOR OUR FUTURE HEALTH WORKFORCE

Students studying health at the University of Waikato have been able to apply for several new scholarships, thanks to significant support from Braemar Charitable Trust. A Waikato-based and focused charitable trust and owner of Braemar Hospital in Hamilton, Braemar Charitable Trust funds several scholarships at the University, including undergraduate scholarships in Health and Nursing.

Braemar Charitable Trust established the scholarships in 2021 to support promising students to make a difference in community health. The Trust and Hospital also aim to provide opportunities for education, research and professional development to the University.

Maia Gardiner (Ngāti Tūwharetoa, Ngai Te Rangi, Ngati Kahungunu ki Te Wairoa) received the 2022 health scholarship, and says she aims to create a space where Māori and Pacific people can feel supported. “I am really passionate about helping my people and working in health is a way I can tangibly do it.”

Abigail Arguelles is the inaugural recipient of the nursing scholarship, and is committed to supporting vulnerable communities in the health sector and making a difference in the lives of her patients. “I enjoy interacting with people, seeing them improve and knowing that I have contributed to their lives in some way.”

SCHOLARSHIP EMPOWERS WOMEN IN STEM

Engineering student Isobella Nicholls and Computing and Mathematical Science student Courtney Wilson were the inaugural winners of the TOMRA Fresh Food Scholarship for Women in STEM. They were both chosen based on their outstanding academic achievements and willingness to advance STEM subjects.

Isobella says the scholarship is a welcome financial weight off her shoulders and will allow her to devote more focus on her studies and role as co-president of InC (Inclusion in Computing Waikato), and Courtney says the financial help will enable her to pursue her Masters and explore different career paths she might not have otherwise.

TOMRA Fresh Food say they are proud to be supporting the next generation of women in STEM.

“STEM subjects are at the heart of innovation and product development and we are pleased to be supporting emerging talent focused in this area, particularly encouraging more women to make their mark on the industry. Our congratulations to Isobella and Courtney on receiving the inaugural scholarships, and we wish them well with their studies and careers.”

As recipients of the scholarship, Isobella and Courtney also have the opportunity to undertake work placement opportunities with TOMRA Fresh Food.
ANNUAL APPEAL 2022

In 2022 Vice-Chancellor Professor Neil Quigley encouraged alumni and the wider community to support its annual appeal. There were three specific areas where donations would make a big impact: scholarships, supporting budding opera stars via the newly-established Te Pae Kōkako – The Aotearoa New Zealand Opera Studio, and helping new nurses succeed through a fund set up to buy nursing students their kit and to help with travel to clinical placements.

Professor Quigley says the University of Waikato is proud to be associated with an alumni community that supports its vision: a commitment to the generation of knowledge and its application for the betterment of society, the sustainable development of our environment, and the creation of pathways to successful study for all of our students.

“We are extremely grateful for the support of our alumni, friends, and community who play a pivotal role in helping us achieve our vision. When you donate to the University of Waikato, you are contributing to the skills and effort needed to support the development of the knowledge base that is needed for the advancement of society. Thank you for your support.”

HOW TO MAKE AN IMPACT

There are a range of areas to support at the University of Waikato, 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. To find out more, visit waikato.ac.nz/foundation.

SUPPORT FUTURE-FOCUSED RESEARCH

The University of Waikato is an engine room for new knowledge, the centre of a network of research institutions. Our research 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.

MAKE A LASTING DIFFERENCE

The University’s Endowment Fund exists in perpetuity and is building to a point where the money it generates can be used to help the University. By supporting the Endowment Fund, it allows the University to put gifts towards the greatest area of need. You can also talk to us about making a bequest or legacy gift.

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 thrive, evident in our stunning Tauranga campus, and Hamilton’s innovative and versatile new facility, The Pā, opening in 2023.

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.
OUR DONORS IN 2022

The University of Waikato is very grateful to these 2022 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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Alexandra Barratt
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Chelsea Blackstock
Mark Broadhead
Nancy Caiger
Janice Campen
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