

**Waikato Graduate Women Educational Trust**  
**Ngā Raukura Wāhine Mātauranga o Waikato**

**Merit Award for Doctoral Study at the University of Waikato - Information**

**1. Purpose**

To assist women students enrolled full-time for a PhD at the University of Waikato.

**2. Funding available**

\$3000 per year for up to three years, with an additional \$1000 in the final year, and a certificate. The funds will be transferred to the recipient's bank account annually and the certificate is normally presented to the recipient at the Trust's annual awards ceremony.

**3. Closing date**

30 April

Applications, which must be received by the closing date, can be emailed to [wgwawards@gmail.com](mailto:wgwawards@gmail.com) or posted to the Waikato Graduate Women Awards Committee, PO Box 148, Hamilton 3240. Applicants are responsible for ensuring their referees send the confidential reference by the closing date.

**4. Eligibility criteria**

Applicants must be women who, at the time of applying:

- a. have confirmed enrolment in their first PhD in the 12 months before the closing date for the Award;
- b. are a New Zealand citizen, or have held permanent residence for at least two years.

**5. Application process**

Applicants must provide:

- a. a certified copy of the academic transcript(s) of her prior qualifications (not required for applicants who have their prior qualifications at the University of Waikato);
- b. a statement of up to summary of up to 500 words explaining the thesis to a general audience;
- c. evidence of New Zealand citizenship, or permanent residence of at least two years;
- d. name and contact details of two referees (one must be the Chief supervisor). Referees should send their confidential reference directly to the Trust.

**6. Selection**

- a. The Awards Committee of the Waikato Graduate Women Educational Trust will administer the Award. The Committee's decision is final;
- b. The award is primarily made on academic merit;
- c. The number of awards will be subject to availability of funds and the standard of applications. If, in the opinion of the Committee, applications are not of an acceptable standard, no award will be made.

**7. Awarding**

Award winners will be informed in June of the year the application is submitted.

**8. Recipient report requirement**

- a. The Merit Award is for a maximum of three years, subject to satisfactory academic progress reports from the awardee's chief supervisor in March of the second and third years of tenure.
- b. After completing their PhD, awardees must provide the Waikato Graduate Women Educational Trust with a brief report (up to 300 words) on their study. The report may be used by the Trust for publicity.