

This fund was established in 1983 by Mrs Margaret Broad, in memory of [Dr Jon Broad and Philippa Broad](#), who died in the Mount Erebus air disaster. Philippa Broad had intended to start an MSc in Earth Sciences at the time of the disaster. One scholarship will be offered annually until 2037 when it is anticipated that the funds will be fully depleted.

1. Purpose

1.1. The Broad Memorial Fund is used to assist graduate students in Earth Sciences engaged in Antarctic research or in a research area of current interest to the programme.

2. Eligibility and Selection Criteria

2.1. **To be eligible** applicants must, **at the time of application**:

- a) **be currently enrolled** full-time or part-time at the University of Waikato; and
- b) be currently undertaking research in an Earth Sciences subject towards a:
 - a. research component of a masters degree; or
 - b. MPhil; or
 - c. PhD; and
- c) not be in receipt of any other awards providing significant funds and/or not receiving substantial financial assistance under a research contract.

2.2. **Selection will be based on:**

- 2.2.1. academic merit;
- 2.2.2. financial hardship and special needs;
- 2.2.3. motivation of the applicant for research in areas appropriate to the current interests of the programme of Earth Sciences within the School of Science.
- 2.2.4. Preference will be given to research related to Antarctica as per the Broad Memorial Fund Terms of Reference.

3. Value, Tenure and Awarding

- 3.1. The value of the award is **\$5,000**, paid as a lump sum directly to the recipient as soon as practicable upon acceptance.
- 3.2. The award will have a maximum tenure of one year.
- 3.3. The successful applicant will be advised of the offer of the Award via their MyWaikato portal and must accept the offer by the prescribed date or the offer will lapse.
- 3.4. In accepting the Award, the recipient will be deemed to have read, understood, and accepted the conditions of the Award and the [Scholarships Policy](#)

4. Application

- 4.1. The closing date for applications is **31 March** annually.
- 4.2. As part of the online application process, each applicant must submit:
 - 4.2.1. a Personal Statement (using the prescribed template) that outlines the following:
 - a brief description of the nature of the research being conducted or proposed
 - a brief description of the progress achieved to a programme for completion of thesis (with proposed dates)
 - details of the purpose to which the funds will be directed, and
 - financial hardship/special needs relevant to the conducted/proposed research.
- 4.3. The applicant's Chief Supervisor must provide a statement commenting on the quality of research undertaken to date, be satisfied that the programme can be completed within the minimum time for the degree, and to certify that the applicant is not in receipt of significant funds from research contracts or any other sources.

5. Selection Panel

- 5.1. The panel will comprise the Division of Health, Engineering, Computing, and Science Scholarships Committee Representative (in the Chair), the Co-Leader of the Earth and Environmental Sciences Team responsible for postgraduate matters and a Professor or Senior Academic staff member in the Earth and Environmental Sciences Team (nominated by the Dean of Science)
- 5.2. The selection panel may refrain from making a recommendation if it finds no applicant of sufficient merit.
- 5.3. The selection panel's decision is final and no correspondence will be entered into following the selection meeting.

6. Other Conditions

- 6.1. Students may hold an award on one occasion only in the course of study for a masters or doctoral degree.
- 6.2. The award may be held together with any scholarship, prize or student allowance, unless the conditions of the other award preclude this.
- 6.3. Recipients should seek independent financial advice about any tax implication of their Award.
- 6.4. The Scholarships Committee may terminate an Award at any time, and recoup any funds disbursed, if the holder withdraws from the University of Waikato, brings the Award, University or Sponsor into disrepute¹, or is otherwise not complying with the conditions governing the Award and/or the regulations of the University of Waikato. The holder of an award shall have the right to appeal to the Research Committee against any decision to terminate the Award.
- 6.5. The Scholarships Committee has the power to amend or vary these regulations provided that there is no departure from the main purpose of the Award.

¹ See [Student Code of Conduct](#)

- 6.6. By accepting an Award, the recipient agrees to participate in any publicity concerning the award arranged by the University of Waikato.