Te Pua Wānanga ki te Ao – The Faculty of Māori and Indigenous Studies International Exchange Scholarship was established in 2018 as part of the strategic and overall investment strategy of the Faculty of Māori and Indigenous Studies (FMIS). FMIS funds these Scholarships to enhance awareness, foster interest, and increase participation among domestic FMIS students in academic programmes offered by universities that have an Exchange Agreement with the University of Waikato. They are intended to provide financial support for domestic students enrolled in the Division as part of an Exchange Agreement.

1. Purpose

1.1. This Scholarship was established to encourage Te Pua Wānanga ki te Ao students to participate in exchange programmes offered by the University of Waikato.

2. Eligibility

2.1. To be eligible for consideration, candidates must:

2.1.1. be a full-time student enrolled in at least one major in The Faculty of Māori and Indigenous Studies; and

2.1.2. have completed at least one year of study towards this major in The Faculty of Māori and Indigenous Studies; and

2.1.3. have been accepted into the University of Waikato OE programme; and,

2.1.4. be a citizen or permanent resident of New Zealand.

3. Value

3.1. The value of each Scholarship (in NZD) is **up to $5,000**. The amount offered for this Scholarship is at the discretion of the Selection Committee and will be based on criteria such as, but not limited to, total available funding, grades, financial need, number of credits enrolled, number of applicants, period of enrolment.

3.2. Up to two Scholarships will be awarded each year.

3.3. The Scholarship will be paid into the student’s bank account, prior to the Overseas experience and is expected to be used to defray costs associated with their exchange programme.
4. Application

4.1. Applications will normally be received and considered twice annually – **15 January** (for exchanges in B Trimester), and **15 July** (for exchanges in A Trimester of the following year) – dependent on the availability of scholarship funding.

4.2. Applicants will complete the Scholarship Application as part of their online Waikato OE application. As part of this application each applicant must complete and then upload a Personal Statement (1-3 pages) that includes the following subheadings:

- Overseas exchange/internship;
- International Experience;
- Future study and employment plans;
- Community, sporting, and cultural involvement; and
- Academic achievements.

4.3. The applicant must upload a brief CV (of no more than three pages in length).

5. Selection Panel and Selection Criteria

5.1. The Selection Panel will comprise the FMIS representative of the University's Scholarships Committee (as Chair), the Dean of Te Pua Wānanga ki te Ao and the Associate Dean Postgraduate Studies, and the Faculty Manager (or nominees).

5.2. The Selection Panel may refrain from making a recommendation if it finds no candidate of sufficient merit.

5.3. The Selection Panel's decision is final and no further correspondence will be entered into following the selection meeting.

5.4. Scholarships will be awarded based on applicant's academic performance, their goals and aspirations, clarity of purpose underlying the desire to pursue a Waikato OE, the kaupapa of the specific scholarship, and in some cases financial hardship.

6. Awarding

6.1. All applicants will be advised of the outcome of their application.

6.2. The successful applicant(s) will be advised of the offer of a Scholarship via their MyWaikato portal and must accept the offer by the prescribed date or the offer will lapse and the Selection Panel may reoffer the Scholarship to another applicant.

6.3. The payment of a Scholarship is conditional on the recipient being accepted into a University of Waikato exchange programme, and by a partner university, for the relevant semester.

6.4. The Scholarship shall be taken up in the semester for which it is offered.
6.5. Any exception or variation to these arrangements must be approved by application to scholarships@waikato.ac.nz.

7. Other Conditions

7.1. The Scholarship may be held with any other bursary, scholarship, or award, provided the regulations of the other award allow this.

7.2. If a recipient is in receipt of a student allowance, another scholarship, or any type of financial assistance, it is their responsibility to check their entitlement to other income and any tax implications.

7.3. If, during the tenure of the Scholarship, a recipient’s circumstances change in such a manner that their continued eligibility for the Scholarship may be affected, they must inform the Scholarships Committee (via the Scholarships office) immediately.

7.4. The Scholarships Committee may terminate a Scholarship at any time, and recoup any funds disbursed, if the holder is not following the approved programme of study, withdraws from the University during the tenure of the Scholarship, brings the Scholarship or University into disrepute\(^1\), or is not otherwise complying with the regulations governing the Scholarship and/or the University of Waikato. The recipient will have the right to appeal against any decision to terminate the Scholarship.

7.5. In accepting the Scholarship, the recipient will be deemed to have read, understood and accepted the conditions of the Scholarship, and the Scholarships Policy.

7.6. By accepting a Scholarship, the recipient agrees to participate in any reasonable publicity concerning the Scholarship arranged by the University of Waikato.

7.7. The Scholarships Committee may, from time to time, vary these regulations.

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\(^1\) See Student Code of Conduct.