FAQs - Scholarships and tuition fee discounts for new international students studying onshore in New Zealand

What Scholarships and tuition fee Discounts are you offering?

The following scholarships/tuition fee discounts are available for international students who are studying onshore in New Zealand:

*International Entrance Scholarship for School Leavers*
This scholarships is for students who have completed university entrance at a New Zealand high school or foundation provider in the year prior to commencing.

*International Excellence Scholarship*
This is a merit-based scholarship for new undergraduate and postgraduate students who are not school leavers.

*20% tuition fee discount towards your first academic year*
This tuition fee discount is for non-school leavers who do not qualify for the International Excellence Scholarship. The discount is applied to the first 120 points of your tuition fees.

Can I receive more than one discount/scholarship?

Unfortunately not. The regulations for both the International Entrance Scholarship for School Leavers and International Excellence Scholarship do not permit awardees to hold any other University of Waikato funded tuition fee discount or scholarship.

Where do I find more information about the above scholarships?

You will find the regulations for the International Entrance Scholarship for School Leavers and the International Excellence Scholarship at the following website: waikato.ac.nz/go/scholarships. Please click on “International Students” in the “Scholarships Exclusively For” filter on the right hand side.

Do I need to apply for the scholarships/discounts?

There is no need to apply for the International Entrance Scholarship for School Leavers or the 20% tuition fee discount. You will be awarded these automatically once you submit a formal application for admission to the University.

The only scholarship above that you need to apply for is the International Excellence Scholarship. You can do this through MyWaikato once you have received your offer of admission from the University.
If I receive one of the above scholarships/discounts, will I still need to pay the full tuition fee deposit upon acceptance?

No, you can pay the tuition fee deposit minus the scholarship/discount amount. Once you have accepted, our system works out the final tuition fee and applies scholarship/discount to that amount. This appears as a credit in your fee account.

How much will I receive?

The International Entrance Scholarship for School Leavers is valued at up to $20,000. The actual amount you are awarded will depend on your grade you achieve in your university entrance qualification.

The International Excellence Scholarship is valued at up to $20,000 for undergraduate students and up to $15,000 for postgraduate students. The actual amount you are awarded will depend on the grade you achieve in your most recent qualification and the duration of the award that you plan to study at Waikato University. There are also other factors which may determine the value of the award and these are outlined in the regulations.

The actual amount of the 20% tuition fee discount will depend on the cost of the programme that you study at Waikato and the papers that you choose. New students pay what we call an ‘indicative’ fee. The indicative fee is the standard tuition fee for each degree assuming you only take papers (units/modules/classes) in that degree area. We always encourage our students to take papers from other subject areas and this may change the final tuition fee.

I am studying at the University’s Tauranga campus. Which scholarships/discounts am I eligible for?

We are no longer offering the Tauranga Bursary. The above scholarships and discounts are available to students who are planning to study at either the Hamilton or Tauranga campus.

Who is not eligible for the above scholarships and discounts?

To determine your eligibility for each of the above scholarships, you should check the regulations. PhD students and students studying offshore/online are not eligible for any of the above scholarships/discounts. Currently enrolled University of Waikato international students who are moving into another qualification which is part of a package offer are also not eligible.
I am studying a Certificate, Diploma, Graduate Certificate, Postgraduate Certificate. Will I be eligible for one of the above scholarships or discounts?

Unfortunately not. To be eligible you need to be studying at least 120 points at the University of Waikato in a bachelor degree level programme or higher.

I am studying in a programme offered at the University of Waikato College. Am I eligible for one of above scholarships or discounts?

If you are a prospective student applying for a degree programme but need to complete a pathway programme first, you are eligible to apply for the International Excellence Scholarship. Prospective students must apply for this scholarship once they have received a pathway offer from the university and before they have accepted their offer and paid their tuition fees. The scholarship is applied to their degree qualification only.

Prospective students who are completing the Certificate of Attainment in Foundation Studies (CAFS) and will be starting their degree qualification in 2022 do not need to apply for the International Excellence Scholarship – they will be awarded the International Entrance Scholarship for their degree study.

A 20% tuition fee discount on first 120 points will be awarded to any student who has not been awarded either of the scholarships above.