This Scholarship was made possible by a donation from John Allan, the first Principal of the Hamilton Teachers’ College. John Allan held this position for twenty years until his retirement in 1979. During that time, he successfully implemented innovative teacher education programmes including a three-year primary training qualification, one year longer than existing programmes. John Allan’s vision and progressive leadership was acknowledged when he was awarded an Honorary Doctorate by The University of Waikato in 1980.

The John Allan Scholarship in Education is awarded to an applicant undertaking research toward a masters degree in the Division of Education at the University of Waikato who best meets the donor’s wish to ‘stimulate research into ways of making teaching more effective’.

1. **Eligibility**
   1.1. To be eligible for consideration, the applicants must:
   a) be a qualified teacher, currently registered with the Teaching Council of Aotearoa New Zealand;
   b) be enrolled part- or full-time in a 90 or 120 point masters thesis with the Division; and
   c) be a New Zealand citizen or permanent resident.

2. **Value**
   2.1. The value of the Scholarship will be up to $5,000 and will be paid directly into the recipient’s bank account, in one lump sum in the year of tenure.

3. **Application**
   3.1. The closing date for applications is **1 August**
   3.2. Along with completing the online application form, each applicant must submit:
   a) a one-page outline of their (proposed) research topic;
   b) evidence of their Practising Certificate registration number, the category of certification, and expiry date;
   c) an academic reference; and,
   d) verified copies of academic transcripts (including grading scale) from any other tertiary institution(s) attended.

4. **Selection Criteria**
   4.1. The Scholarship will be offered on the academic achievements of applicants and their research topics. Preference will be given to applicants intending to conduct research related to professional practice in education (i.e. research into ways of making teaching more effective).
Selection Panel

4.2. The selection panel will comprise of Division of Education Director of Postgraduate Research and Programmes (in the Chair), the Associate Dean Academic (or nominee), and a senior academic from amongst the Masters Programme Leaders appointed by the PVC.

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

4.4. The Selection Panel’s decision is final and no correspondence will be entered into following the selection meeting.

5. Awarding

5.1. The offer of a Scholarship must be accepted by the date indicated in the letter of offer. If any applicant declines a Scholarship, or does not take it up, the offer shall lapse.

5.2. The Scholarship will have a maximum tenure of one year and must be taken up in the year for which it is offered.

6. Other Conditions

6.1. The Scholarship may be held together with any award, unless the conditions of the other award preclude this.

6.2. The Scholarships Committee may terminate this Scholarship at any time, and recoup any funds disbursed, if the holder withdraws from the University of Waikato, brings the Scholarship or the University into disrepute¹, or is otherwise not complying with the conditions governing the Scholarship and/or the regulations of the University of Waikato. The holder of a Scholarship shall have the right to appeal to the Scholarships Executive against any decision to terminate the Scholarship.

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

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

¹ See Code of Student Conduct.