**BACKGROUND**

Established in 2019, the High Achievement Bursary for International Students aims to encourage talented international students to continue their study at the University of Waikato. The Bursary is valued up to NZ$5000 and will be deducted from the full international student fees for the second year of undergraduate study.

The Bursary is open to all international students, enrolling in a full-time undergraduate programme, who studied at the University of Waikato in the preceding 12 months. Students who achieve a B+ grade average over their first 120-points will be automatically eligible for the High Achievement Bursary for their next 120-points.

No application is required.

The Bursary will be applied to tuition fees only and is not transferable.

**REGULATIONS**

1. The Bursary will be known as the “High Achievement Bursary for International Students”

2. The value of the Bursary will be **up to $5,000** and will be applied directly to the recipient’s tuition fees at the time of enrolment or once their enrolment is completed. The amount offered for this Bursary 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. The Bursary will be credited to the international tuition fees upon enrolment into the second year of full-time (a full-time academic year comprises 120 points) study in the undergraduate degree.

4. The Bursary will be awarded to all international students, enrolling full-time in an undergraduate programme, who achieved at least a B+ grade average over their first 120-points of study at the University of Waikato. To ensure ongoing eligibility, recipients must maintain an international student status within the University’s student system during the tenure of the Bursary.

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 Bursary.

6. The Scholarships Committee may terminate this Bursary at any time, and recoup any funds disbursed, if the holder withdraws from the University of Waikato, brings the Bursary or the
University into disrepute\(^1\), or is otherwise not complying with the conditions governing the Bursary and/or the regulations of the University of Waikato.

7. The holder will have the right to appeal against any decision to terminate a Bursary by writing to scholarships@waikato.ac.nz who will forward the appeal to the Scholarships Executive.

**BURSARY SPECIFICS**

1. The Bursary cannot be held in conjunction with any other University of Waikato funded tuition or accommodation fees scholarship, award, discount or bursary, nor can it be held in conjunction with any Education New Zealand scholarships.

2. Students who are required to undertake a Waikato Pathways College programme prior to entering an undergraduate degree will be eligible to be considered for the Bursary, after they have completed 120-points towards an undergraduate degree at the University of Waikato.

3. Students who receive credits towards their qualification from any study completed prior to their time at the University of Waikato, will not be considered for this Bursary.

4. Eligible candidates will have their results assessed automatically at the end of their first year of undergraduate degree study.

5. The Bursary must be taken up in the two trimesters immediately following the period of determination of eligibility.

6. A student who withdraws from the University may (under the provisions of the Fees Regulations) apply for a refund of enrolment fees paid that were not covered by the Bursary. The Bursary, however, is not refundable to the student under any circumstances.

7. Candidates must remain enrolled full-time for the whole year of tenure (that is, the second year of enrolment in the undergraduate degree).

8. Should the student withdraw from any papers, without adding sufficient papers to maintain an overall enrolment in 120-points, the Bursary must be repaid in full.

9. In accepting the Bursary, the student will be deemed to have read, understood, and accepted the conditions of this Bursary, and the Scholarships Policy.

10. To be eligible, candidates must not be coming to the University of Waikato via a sponsoring body\(^2\) and not be coming to the University of Waikato on a Guaranteed Credit Arrangement\(^3\) or through a study abroad or student exchange agreement.

11. Recipients of the Bursary agree to participate, if required, in any promotional activity and events organised by the University of Waikato during the tenure of the Bursary.

12. The Bursary is by nomination from the International Office who will send the nomination to scholarships@waikato.ac.nz. The process of offering and awarding a Bursary to a recipient will

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\(^1\) See [Code of Student Conduct](#).

\(^2\) Examples of a sponsoring body are: governments, institutions and employers who fund student scholarships for study.

\(^3\) Guaranteed credit arrangements are where an institution has a formal agreement with the University of Waikato whereby a student can study part of their degree at the partner institution and credit that study towards 1 – 2 years of study at the University of Waikato
start once a member of the Scholarships team has received the nomination and checked that sufficient funds are available.