The University of Waikato Taught Postgraduate Scholarship was established in 2012 to support part- and full-time students studying at postgraduate level at the University of Waikato. Applicants will primarily be enrolling in taught papers (coursework; see eligibility criteria), rather than research papers. Preference may be given to students on a pathway to research qualifications at the University of Waikato. Awards will be determined on academic merit and the strategic objectives of the University and will be a maximum of $3,000 for 60 eligible points (pro-rata for lower points).

1. **Eligibility Criteria**

1.1. To be eligible, applicants must be enrolling in coursework in **at least one** 500-level taught paper, or SOCWK400 and/or SOCWK490.

1.2. Taught papers may also include: taught components of a masters degree such as 30 or 60 point dissertations; Postgraduate Diplomas; Postgraduate Certificates; and Honours degrees normally of one year duration.

1.3. To be clear, **papers not eligible for consideration are:**

   1.1.1. All papers below 400-level;
   1.1.2. All 400-level taught papers except SOCWK400 and SOCWK490;
   1.1.3. 500 level papers that include theses of 90 points or more;
   1.1.4. 600-level (and above) taught papers;
   1.1.5. paid internships and papers linked to the Summer Research Scholarship Programme.

1.4. The Scholarship is open to New Zealand citizens, permanent residents, and international students.

   1.4.1. **International students must** have completed at least 120 points of study at a New Zealand university.

1.5. A minimum Grade Point Average (GPA) of **A- required.** Normally, GPA calculations will be based on the equivalent of the applicant’s last two years of full-time study.

1.6. Past recipients may apply for subsequent Taught Postgraduate Scholarships if they continue to meet the eligibility criteria.

1.7. Applications must be submitted prior to the commencement of the papers for which funding is being sought and may not be submitted retrospectively (see Section 3 for more details).
2. Value

2.1. The value of the Scholarship will be up to $3,000 (see clause 2.3 for funding allocation) and will have a tenure of six months.

2.2. The scholarship will be paid directly towards the recipient’s tuition fees (not including Student Services Levy) and will be made after the withdrawal date for the relevant trimester in the year of tenure.

2.3. The value of the Scholarship will vary and will be calculated on the eligible papers (see clause 1.1) the recipient is enrolled in for the relevant trimester/6-month tenure.
   a) Total 60 points = $3,000;
   b) Total 45 points = $2,250;
   c) Total 30 points = $1,500;
   d) Total 15 points = $750.

2.4. Recipients may only receive funding for up to a maximum of 60 eligible points (i.e., a maximum of $3,000) in each application round.

3. Application

3.1. Applications must be submitted prior to the commencement of the papers for which funding is being sought within one of the two following processing deadlines:
   3.1.1. Round 1: for study commencing between 1 January and 30 June in the year following application (applications close 31 October).
   3.1.2. Round 2: for study commencing between 1 July and 31 December in the year of application (applications close 31 May).

3.2. Students enrolling in the Master of Business and Management (MBM) or Master of Professional Management (MPM) programmes may only apply for the maximum of 60 points per Scholarship round. For any papers where the start and end date overlap both application rounds, the application should be submitted in the round preceding the relevant enrolment period as per clause 3.1 above.

4. Selection

4.1. Applications will be ranked by GPA and sent to the relevant Division/Faculty for commentary on relevance to strategic objectives of the University. Each Division/Faculty’s Scholarships Committee representative will coordinate the commentary and any sign-off required.

4.2. The Selection Panel (University of Waikato Scholarships Committee) will consider the applications, including any supporting commentary, and will select the recipients at its Scholarship selection meetings in November (for Round 1) and June (for Round 2).
4.2.1. The number of Scholarships offered in any Round is at the discretion of the Selection Panel and will be based on criteria such as, but not limited to, total available funding, period of enrolment, grades, financial need, strategic benefit to the University and number of points enrolled, number of applicants.

4.3. The Scholarships Committee’s decisions are 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 offer or the offer will lapse.

5.2. Recipients must have met all eligibility requirements prior to enrolment (clause 1.1).

5.3. The Scholarship will have a maximum tenure of six months and must be taken up within the six months for which it is offered.

6. Other Conditions

6.1. The Scholarship may be held in conjunction with a University of Waikato Research Masters Scholarship. It may also be held with any other scholarship or award, provided the regulations of the other funding do not preclude this.

6.2. Should the recipient hold another University of Waikato fees scholarship, the Taught Postgraduate Scholarship will pay the balance of any tuition fees (up to the value awarded); however, the student will forgo any unused balance of the Taught Postgraduate Scholarship.

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

6.4. 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 scholarships@waikato.ac.nz) immediately.

6.5. The Scholarships Executive may terminate a Scholarship at any time, and recoup any funds disbursed, if the holder withdraws from the University of Waikato during the tenure of the Scholarship, brings the Scholarship programme or the University into disrepute, or is otherwise not complying with the conditions governing the Scholarship. The holder of a Scholarship will have the right to appeal to the Research Committee against any decision to terminate the award.

6.6. The Scholarships Committee may, from time to time, vary these regulations, provided that there is no departure from the main purpose of the Scholarship.

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1 See Code of Student Conduct.
6.7. By accepting a Scholarship, the recipient agrees to participate in any publicity concerning the Scholarship arranged by the University of Waikato.