

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. The number of Scholarships offered each year is primarily based on the total pool of funding available. Awards will be determined on academic merit and the strategic objectives of the University.

1. Eligibility and Selection Criteria

- 1.1. To be eligible, applicants must be intending to enrol in coursework in **at least one** 500-level taught paper, or SOCWK400 and/or SOCWK490.
 - 1.1.1. Taught papers may also include: taught components of a masters degree such as 30- or 60-point Directed Study/Dissertations; Postgraduate Diplomas; Postgraduate Certificates; and Honours degrees normally of one year duration.
 - 1.1.2. To be clear, **papers not eligible for consideration are:**
 - a. All papers below 400-level;
 - b. All 400-level taught papers except SOCWK400 and SOCWK490;
 - c. 500-level papers that include theses of 90-points or more;
 - d. 600-level (and above) taught papers;
 - e. Paid internships, and papers linked to the Summer Research Scholarship Programme.
 - 1.1.3. **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).
- 1.2. The Scholarship is open to New Zealand citizens, permanent residents, and international students. **International students must** have completed at least 120-points of study at a New Zealand university, before the closing date of the relevant scholarship round.
- 1.3. Past recipients may apply again if they continue to meet the eligibility criteria.
- 1.4. Selection of candidates will be based on:
 - 1.1.4. Academic merit, with a minimum Grade Point Average (**GPA**) of **A- expected**. Normally, GPA calculations will be based on the equivalent of the applicant's last two years of full-time study (i.e. 240 points of study).
 - 1.1.5. Other factors that may also be taken into consideration including: experience of the candidate (e.g., references, prior work experience etc), knowledge of Mātauranga Māori and/or Pacific knowledges, alignment priorities of Divisions/Faculties/Schools and Research Institutes, financial hardship and the strategic objectives of the University.

2. Value, Tenure and Awarding

- 2.1. The value of the Scholarship will be **up to \$3,000** and will be calculated on the eligible papers (see Clause 1.1) the recipient is enrolled in for the relevant trimester as follows:
 - a) Total 60-points = \$3,000;
 - b) Total 45-points = \$2,250;
 - c) Total 30-points = \$1,500;
 - d) Total 15-points = \$750.
- 2.2. 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.
- 2.3. 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.
- 2.4. The Scholarship will have a maximum tenure of six months and must be taken up within the six months for which it is offered.
- 2.5. The offer of a Scholarship must be accepted by the date indicated in offer or the offer will lapse.
- 2.6. Recipients must have met all eligibility requirements prior to enrolment (clause 1.1).

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 **30 April**).
- 3.2. As part of the online Application process, each candidate must submit:
 - 3.2.1 a personal statement (using the prescribed template) that outlines:
 - a) study interests and intentions
 - b) academic awards/achievements
 - c) any other relevant details such as financial hardship, knowledge of Mātauranga Māori and/or Pacific knowledges.
 - 3.2.2 a copy of their academic transcript/s from any university, other than the University of Waikato, that they have attended (if applicable).

4. Selection Panel and Process

- 4.1. The selection panel is the University of Waikato Scholarships Committee.
- 4.2. Applications will first be ranked by GPA and sent to the relevant academic area for commentary on relevance to strategic objectives of the University and further ranking. Commentary and rankings will be coordinated by the Scholarships Committee representative for that academic area and will be sign-off by the PVC.
- 4.3. The Selection Panel will consider the applications, including any supporting commentary, and will select the recipients at meetings held in **November/December (for Round 1)** and **June (for Round 2)**.

- 4.3.1. 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.
- 4.3.2. The Selection Panel may refrain from making any offers if it finds no candidate(s) of sufficient merit.
- 4.4. The Scholarships Committee's decisions are final and no correspondence will be entered into following the selection meeting.

5. Other Conditions

- 5.1. 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.
- 5.2. Should the recipient hold another University of Waikato fees scholarship, the UOW 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 UOW Taught Postgraduate Scholarship.
- 5.3. In accepting the Scholarship, the recipient will be deemed to have read, understood, and accepted the conditions of the Scholarship and the [Scholarships Policy](#).
- 5.4. 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.
- 5.5. The Scholarships Committee 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 disrepute¹, or is otherwise not complying with the conditions governing the Scholarship. The holder of a Scholarship will have the right to appeal to the Scholarships Executive against any decision to terminate the award.
- 5.6. The Scholarships Committee may, from time to time, vary these regulations, provided that there is no departure from the main purpose of the Scholarship.
- 5.7. By accepting a Scholarship, the recipient agrees to participate in any publicity concerning the Scholarship arranged by the University of Waikato.

¹ See [Code of Student Conduct](#).