Te Pua Wānanga ki te Ao Undergraduate Excellence Awards support undergraduate students in their second or third year studying in the University of Waikato’s Faculty of Māori and Indigenous Studies, who achieve well academically and demonstrate good character, particularly through their cultural/academic and community involvement.

1. Eligibility
   1.1. To be eligible, applicants must:
       a) be enrolled full-time (a full time academic year comprises of 120 points) in the second or third year of an undergraduate degree within the Faculty of Māori and Indigenous Studies in the year of application.
       b) be a New Zealand citizen or permanent resident.

2. Value
   2.1. The value of the award will be up to $1,000 and paid as a lump sum.

3. Application
   3.1. The closing dates for applications is 1 August
   3.2. Along with completing the online application form, applicants must submit:
       a) a two-page personal statement, using the following subheadings:
          • Previous academic achievements;
          • Outline of study intentions (for the year of application and beyond); and,
          • Suitability for the Award (focusing on the Award’s criteria, including contribution to the academic, cultural and community life of the University of Waikato.
          • outline of financial circumstances
       b) a brief CV (no longer than four A4 pages); and,
       c) one academic reference and one-character reference.

4. Selection Criteria
   4.1. The Awards will be offered on the basis of:
       a) academic merit; and,
       b) demonstration of good character, through academic, cultural and community involvement.

   4.2. Financial need may also be taken into consideration.
5. Selection Panel

5.1. The Selection Panel will comprise the Faculty of Māori and Indigenous Studies Dean (who will Chair the Panel), Associate Dean Postgraduate Studies, representative on the University’s Scholarships Committee, and School Manager, (or nominees).

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

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

6. Awarding

6.1. The offer of an Award must be accepted by the date indicated in the letter of offer. If an applicant fails to accept the Award within the prescribed period, the offer will lapse.

6.2. The Award will normally be paid out in one lump sum as soon as practicable after the acceptance of the offer.

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

7. Other Conditions

7.1. The Award may not be held concurrently with any other scholarships or awards offered by the Faculty of Māori and Indigenous Studies.

7.2. The Award may be held together with any other scholarships unless the conditions of the other award preclude this.

7.3. The Scholarships Executive, in consultation with the Faculty of Māori and Indigenous Studies, may terminate the Award at any time if it is not satisfied that the holder is following the approved programme of study or is not otherwise complying with the conditions governing the Award and/or the regulations of the University of Waikato.

7.4. The holder of an Award will have the right to appeal to the Education Committee against any decision to terminate an Award.

7.5. By accepting an Award, the recipient agrees to participate in any publicity concerning the Award arranged by the University of Waikato. The recipient may be asked to attend a presentation ceremony.