The University of Waikato International Excellence Scholarship was established in 2015 to promote educational opportunities, foster internationalisation and support talented international students who are enrolling for the first time into undergraduate or postgraduate programmes\(^1\) at the University of Waikato. The Scholarships have a value of up to NZD$10,000, and will be awarded to successful applicants from countries listed in the table below who demonstrate excellent academic achievement, and strong potential to become global ambassadors for the University of Waikato.

The Scholarship will be applied to tuition fees only and is not transferrable. Students are required to pay their first year of tuition fees and apply for a student visa. The University will transfer the scholarship funding to the student’s tuition fees after their enrolment has been completed.

**Table 1:** Applicants for the University of Waikato International Excellence Scholarship must citizens of the countries listed in this Table.

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<th>Region</th>
<th>Eligible Countries (by citizenship)</th>
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<tr>
<td>North America</td>
<td>USA, Canada</td>
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<td>Latin America</td>
<td>Brazil, Colombia, Mexico, Chile, Ecuador</td>
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<td>Europe</td>
<td>Germany, UK, France, Norway</td>
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<td>East Asia</td>
<td>China, Hong Kong, Taiwan, South Korea, Japan</td>
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<td>South Asia</td>
<td>India, Bangladesh, Sri Lanka, Bhutan, Mongolia, Nepal, Pakistan, Maldives</td>
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<td>South East Asia</td>
<td>Cambodia, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, Vietnam</td>
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<td>Middle East</td>
<td>Jordan, Iran</td>
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<td>Africa</td>
<td>Kenya, South Africa, Zambia, Zimbabwe, Mauritius</td>
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1. **Eligibility**
   
   1.1. To be eligible, applicants must:
   
   a) be a citizen of, or currently studying in, one of the countries listed in Table 1; 
   
   b) **not currently be enrolled at the University of Waikato** (including the Certificate of Attainment in Academic English, the Certificate of Attainment in Foundation Studies, the International Diploma of Business or Science or any other pre-degree pathway programme); 
   
   c) not have paid fees at the time of application; 
   
   d) be applying to enrol for the **first time** in either an undergraduate or postgraduate degree\(^1\) at the University of Waikato; 
   
   e) not be classified as a domestic student (see clause 7.3.d); 
   
   f) have met the University of Waikato’s **English language requirements** for admission, or have an offer for the Certificate of Attainment in Academic

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\(^1\) All postgraduate programmes except the Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) and Master of Philosophy (MPhil) are eligible.
English at the University of Waikato, prior to beginning any studies through UOW;

g) have received a conditional or unconditional offer of place from the University of Waikato;
h) in the year of tenure, be commencing a full-time programme/s of study with a total duration of \textbf{at least} 12 months at the University of Waikato;
i) be residing in New Zealand for the tenure of the scholarship and may only study a maximum of 50\% of their course online (if this option is available);
j) not be coming to the University of Waikato via a sponsoring body\textsuperscript{2};
k) not be coming to the University of Waikato on a Guaranteed Credit Arrangement\textsuperscript{3}, or through a study abroad or student exchange agreement;
l) have a minimum GPA-equivalency of B+.

2. Value

2.1. The Scholarship will have a value \textbf{up to NZD$10,000} and will be applied directly to the recipient’s tuition fees for their chosen programme/s of study either at the time of offer or once their enrolment is completed. The amount offered for this Scholarship is at the discretion of the Selection Committee and 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. Application

3.1. Applications for the Scholarship can be submitted at any time.

3.1.1. Decisions will normally be made within 8 weeks of the time of application. However, some decisions will take up to 12 weeks (e.g., when the University closes in late December).

3.2. Applicants \textbf{must be intending to enrol on the date outlined in their Offer of Place}.

3.3. Applicants must be overseas at the time of submitting their application for the scholarship, and must submit their scholarship application prior to lodging a visa application to travel to New Zealand.

3.4. Applicants must upload the following as part of their online application:

a) their conditional or unconditional offer of place from the University of Waikato; and

b) a personal statement that sets out the following (on the template provided):

- What are your career goals/aspirations?
- How will an international education experience help you to achieve these goals?
- What additional qualities/skills do you have that make you an ideal candidate for this scholarship and an ambassador for the University of Waikato?

\textsuperscript{2} Examples of a sponsoring body are: governments, institutions and employers who fund student scholarships for study.

\textsuperscript{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.
4. Selection Process and Panel
   4.1. Scholarships will be offered on the basis of academic merit (expected equivalent B+ minimum) and potential to become global ambassadors for the University of Waikato.
   4.2. Applications will be ranked by grade point average by the University’s International Regional Managers and forwarded to the Selection Panel for consideration.
   4.3. The Selection Panel will comprise the Chair of the Scholarships Committee and the Director – International (or their nominees).
   4.4. The Selection Panel’s decisions are final and no correspondence will be entered into following each selection meeting.

5. Awarding
   5.1. Applicants will be advised of the result of their application in writing following the selection meeting.
   5.2. Successful applicants will receive a scholarship offer which is valid for two weeks. Students must confirm their acceptance of the Scholarship by the date requested in the offer letter after which time the offer will automatically lapse and no longer be valid.
   5.3. On receipt of the acceptance form, recipients will receive an official Scholarship offer. This Scholarship offer may be included with their student visa application. Students may choose to pay the full tuition fee amount minus the Scholarship amount in the offer, but must provide their Scholarship offer to Immigration New Zealand in order to do so.
   5.4. If for any reason a recipient is unable to complete enrolment and begin study at University of Waikato within 12 months of the offer, they may request a deferral of their scholarship. This request must be made in writing to scholarships@waikato.ac.nz.
      a) Deferrals will only be considered if within the same calendar year for which the Scholarship was offered.
   5.5. If the scholarship offer is not accepted, or a request for deferral is not received within the time allowed to accept/defer, the offer of Scholarship will be withdrawn.

6. Tenure
   6.1. The tenure is one year and the Scholarship is valid only within 12 months of the dates outlined in the Offer of Place.

7. Other Conditions
   7.1. The Scholarship cannot be held in conjunction with any other University of Waikato funded tuition fees scholarship or award, nor can it be held in conjunction with any Education New Zealand scholarships.
   7.2. This Scholarship is not refundable to the student.
   7.3. For any of the following reasons, the Scholarships Committee may terminate a Scholarship and recoup any funds dispersed if a recipient:
      a) withdraws from papers without adding sufficient papers to maintain full-time enrolment,
b) changes to a qualification not covered under this Scholarship.
c) does not comply with the conditions of their student visa,
d) changes to domestic student status within the tenure of the Scholarship,
e) withdraws from the University during the year of tenure of the Scholarship,
f) brings the University into disrepute, or
g) is otherwise not complying with the regulations governing the scholarship.

7.4. The recipient will have the right to appeal against any decision to terminate a Scholarship by writing to – scholarships@waikato.ac.nz which will forward the appeal to the Scholarships Executive.

7.5. In signing and returning the Scholarship acceptance form, the student will be deemed to have read, understood and accepted the regulations of this Scholarship, any conditions and the Scholarships Policy.

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

7.7. The Scholarships Committee may revise these regulations at any time provided that the intent of the Scholarship is maintained.

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4 See Student Code of Conduct