1. **Purpose**

1.1. This Scholarship has been established to encourage Te Pua Wānanga ki te Ao (The Faculty of Māori and Indigenous Studies) students to participate in exchange programmes offered by the University of Waikato.

1.2. The Scholarship is offered to provide financial support to students for approved exchange programmes.

2. **Eligibility**

2.1. A candidate must:

   2.1.1. be a full-time student enrolled in at least one major in The Faculty of Māori and Indigenous Studies;

   2.1.2. have completed at least one year of study towards this major in The Faculty of Māori and Indigenous Studies;

   2.1.3. plan to apply, in the next round, for a University of Waikato exchange programme with one of its partner universities\(^1\); and,

   2.1.4. be a citizen or permanent resident of New Zealand.

3. **Value**

3.1. The value of each Scholarship (in NZD) is **up to** $5,000.

3.2. Up to two Scholarships will be awarded each year.

3.3. The Scholarship will be paid directly to the recipient in the form of a cheque, and is expected to be used to defray costs associated with their exchange programme.

4. **Application**

4.1. The deadlines for applications are **26 November 2018** for B Semester 2019 exchanges and **28 June 2019** for A Semester 2020 exchanges.

4.2. When completing the online Scholarship application, each applicant must:

   • download, complete, and upload the Personal Statement template form that includes (but is not limited to) the following subheadings:
     - institution/country of exchange
     - languages
     - international experience; and
     - future aspirations and benefits of exchange.

   • upload a brief CV (of no more than three pages in length).

5. **Selection Criteria**

5.1. The awards are offered on the basis of:

   • academic performance;

   • reasons for choosing destination institution/country; and,

   • goals, aspirations, and perceived benefits of the exchange programme.

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\(^1\) [http://www.waikato.ac.nz/study/international/study-abroad-and-exchange/student-exchange-partners](http://www.waikato.ac.nz/study/international/study-abroad-and-exchange/student-exchange-partners)
6. Selection Panel

6.1. The Selection Panel will comprise the Dean of Te Pua Wānanga ki te Ao, (who will Chair the Panel), the Associate Dean Postgraduate Studies, the Faculty Manager, (or nominees), and a representative of the University’s Scholarships Committee appointed by the Chair of the Scholarships Committee.

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

6.3. All applicants will be advised of the outcome of their application.

6.4. The Selection Panel’s decision is final; following notification of the application outcome, no further correspondence will be entered into.

7. Awarding

7.1. The offer of a Scholarship must be accepted by the date indicated in the letter of offer. If a candidate declines a Scholarship, or does not take it up, the Selection Panel may offer the Scholarship to another applicant.

7.2. The payment of a Scholarship is conditional on the recipient being accepted into a University of Waikato exchange programme, and by a partner university, for the relevant semester.

7.3. A Scholarship shall be taken up in the semester for which it is offered.

7.4. Any exception or variation to these arrangements must be approved by the Selection Panel.

8. Other Conditions

8.1. The Scholarship may be held with any other bursary, scholarship, or award, provided the regulations of the other award allow this.

8.2. If a recipient is in receipt of a student allowance, another scholarship, or any type of financial assistance, it is their responsibility to check their entitlement to other income and any tax implications.

8.3. The Scholarship may be required to be repaid in full if the recipient withdraws from the exchange programme.

8.4. The Scholarships Committee may terminate a scholarship at any time and recoup any funds disbursed if the holder withdraws from the University during the tenure of the Scholarship, brings the University into disrepute\(^2\), or is otherwise not complying with the regulations governing the Scholarship. The recipient of a scholarship will have the right to appeal any decision to terminate the award.

8.5. By accepting a Scholarship, a recipient agrees to participate in any publicity concerning the Scholarship arranged by the University of Waikato.

8.6. Recipients of the award will be required to:

8.6.1. Submit a report (minimum of three A4 pages) on their experience when they return from the exchange; and

8.6.2. On their return, participate in at least two information sessions with other students.

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\(^2\) See Student Code of Conduct.