BACKGROUND

Te Pua Wānanga ki te Ao Postgraduate Excellence Awards support postgraduate students 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 part- or full-time in a Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) in the Faculty of Māori and Indigenous Studies at the University of Waikato in the year of application; and

2.2. Preference will be given to applicants who have gained confirmed enrolment status (i.e. have completed the conditional enrolment period of six to twelve months). ¹

2. Value

2.1. The value of the award will be up to $5,000 for full-time students or pro-rata for part-time students.

3. Application

3.1. The closing dates for applications is 11 August 2019

3.2. To complete the online application, applicants must:
   a) Complete and upload the prescribed Personal Statement form, detailing the following:
      • previous academic achievements;
      • study/career plans
      • timeline of this year’s enrolment; 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) Upload a brief CV (no longer than four A4 pages)
   c) Name the persons willing to provide an academic reference and a character reference.

4. Selection Criteria

4.1. The Awards will be offered on the basis of:
   a) academic excellence;
   b) commitment to completion of the programme of study;
   c) the applicant’s programme of study having demonstrable relevance to the priorities of the Faculty of Māori and Indigenous Studies; and,
   d) the applicant’s contribution to academic, cultural and community life of the University of Waikato

4.2. Financial need may also be taken into consideration.

¹ More information about conditional and confirmed enrolment can be found on the University of Waikato website http://www.waikato.ac.nz/students/research-degrees/current-students.
5. Selection Panel

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

5.2. The Selection Panel may refrain from making a recommendation if it finds no candidate 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. If an offer is conditional, e.g. a pending enrolment in an appropriate course of study yet to be finalised, any such conditions must be met before an Award can be received.

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

6.4. The Scholarship 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, and recoup any funds disbursed, if the holder withdraws from the University of Waikato during the tenure of the Award, brings the Scholarships programme or the University into disrepute\(^2\), or is not complying with the conditions governing the Award.

7.4. The holder of an Award will have the right to appeal to the Research 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.

7.6. In consultation with the University, Faculty and/or sponsor, these regulations may vary from time to time, provided there is no departure from the main purpose of the Award.

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\(^2\) See Student Code of Conduct