BACKGROUND

The University of Waikato Te Kura Toi Tangata School of Education established Te Kura Toi Tangata School of Education Poutama Pounamu Bursary in 2020 to support participants of the Poutama Pounamu Professional Learning Programme to gain a higher level of education. The Bursary is offered to students who have successfully completed five or nine modules of the Poutama Pounamu Professional Learning programme and who have gained admission to a Postgraduate Diploma in Education or Master of Education.

No application is required.

The Bursary is by nomination of the Pro Vice-Chancellor Division of Education, who will send the nomination to School of Graduate Research – Scholarships. The process of offering the Bursary will start once the School of Graduate Research – Scholarships has received the nomination. The Bursary will be applied to all students enrolling full- or part-time, who meet the criteria, in a Postgraduate Diploma in Education or Master of Education programme at the University of Waikato.

The Bursary will be applied to tuition fees only and is not transferrable.

REGULATIONS

1. The Bursary will be known as the “Te Kura Toi Tangata School of Education Poutama Pounamu Bursary”

2. The value of the Bursary will be $1,000 and will be applied directly to the recipient’s tuition fees after the semester withdrawal date, provided the student meets the conditions of Clause 3.

3. The Bursary will be awarded to all students enrolling in a Postgraduate Diploma in Education or Master of Education programme, including both full-time and part-time enrolment, who:
   a. have successfully completed either five or nine modules of the Poutama Pounamu Professional Learning programme; and
   b. have enrolled in one or both of the following papers:
      i. EDUCA502: Decolonising Spaces for Equity, Excellence and Belonging
      ii. EDUCA504: Critical Reflections on Decolonising Education Spaces

4. The Scholarships Committee has the power to amend or vary these regulations provided that there is no departure from the main purpose of the Bursary.

5. The Scholarships Committee may terminate this Bursary at any time, and recoup any funds disbursed, if the holder withdraws from the University of Waikato during the tenure of the

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Bursary, brings the Bursary or the University into disrepute\(^1\), or is otherwise not complying with the conditions governing the Bursary and/or the regulations of the University of Waikato.

6. The holder will have the right to appeal against any decision to terminate a Bursary by writing to scholarships@waikato.ac.nz who will forward the appeal to the Scholarships Executive.

**BURSARY SPECIFICS**

1. The Bursary cannot be held in conjunction with any other University of Waikato funded tuition fees scholarship, award, or bursary.

2. The Bursary must be taken up in the Trimester immediately following the period of determination of eligibility.

3. Should a recipient withdraw from any papers, or the programme of study for which the Bursary has applied, the Bursary must be repaid in full.

4. A student who withdraws from the University may (under the provisions of the Fees Regulations) apply for a refund of enrolment fees paid that were not covered by the Bursary. The Bursary, however, is not refundable to the student under any circumstances.

5. Candidates must remain enrolled in the programme of study for which the Bursary has applied for the tenure of the paper.

6. In accepting the Bursary, the student will be deemed to have read, understood, and accepted the conditions of this Bursary, and the Scholarships Policy.

7. To be eligible, candidates must not be coming to the University of Waikato via a sponsoring body\(^2\) and not be coming to the University of Waikato on a Guaranteed Credit Arrangement\(^3\) through a study abroad or student exchange agreement.

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

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\(^1\) See [Code of Student Conduct](#).
\(^2\) Examples of a sponsoring body are: governments, institutions and employers who fund student scholarships for study.
\(^3\) 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