

The Braemar Charitable Trust Scholarship in Health was established in 2021 through the generous donation of the [Braemar Charitable Trust](#). The Trust aims to improve health outcomes for Waikato communities. In particular, the Trust strives to help those who face challenges accessing health services and, as a result, suffer poorer health and health outcomes. The Trust has five key pillars to achieve this goal, including ownership of Braemar Hospital; investing in medical research; developing medical knowledge; investing in partnerships to improve health outcomes and providing free or subsidised medical care at Braemar Hospital for eligible patients.

A \$10,000 scholarship and potential for a work placement opportunity in Braemar Hospital will be awarded each year (2021-2023) to a student in their second year of the Bachelor of Health who meets the Purpose and Eligibility criteria. The work placement will be paid directly by the Trust.

1. Purpose

- 1.1. The Scholarship provides financial support and work experience opportunities for promising second year Bachelor of Health students from populations, communities and/or regions typically under-represented in health who might not otherwise be able to access education. It is specifically intended for those who reside in the Waikato DHB region and plan to pursue a career in healthcare upon graduation, in the wider Waikato DHB region.

2. Eligibility

- 2.1. To be eligible for consideration, candidates must:
 - a) be enrolled full-time (i.e. 120-points) in the second year of their Bachelor of Health at the University of Waikato in the year of tenure (i.e. 2021); and
 - b) be from a population, community and/or region typically under-represented in health and which experiences barriers to health; and
 - c) have achieved at least a B+ average in their first year of study at the University of Waikato; and
 - d) reside in the Waikato DHB region and intend to work in healthcare in the wider Waikato DHB region upon graduation; and
 - e) be a New Zealand citizen or permanent resident.

3. Value and Tenure

- 3.1. The Scholarship will have a value of **\$10,000**, of which:
 - a) \$5,000 will be paid directly to the recipient as soon as practicable after acceptance of the Scholarship, or after the withdrawal date of A Trimester (whichever is latest).

- b) \$5,000 will be paid directly to the recipient after the withdrawal date of B Trimester, and is conditional on the student passing all courses in A Trimester.
- c) Potential for a work placement opportunity, subject to availability, will be paid directly by the Trust (see clause 6.3).

3.2. The Scholarship will have a tenure of one year.

4. Application

4.1. The closing date for online applications in 2021 is **30 April**.

4.2. As part of the online application process, each candidate must submit:

- a) a Personal Statement (using the prescribed template) that outlines the following:
 - o Why completing their degree is important to the candidate and their future ambitions;
 - o The candidate's intention to work in healthcare in the wider Waikato DHB region upon graduation;
 - o That the candidate is from a population, community or region that is typically under-represented in health;
 - o Any financial circumstances that are relevant; and
 - o Any other information that may be of relevance to the Selection Panel.
- b) As part of the application process, the candidate must also request the submission of a confidential reference from someone who can attest to their character. This may not be an immediate member of their family.

5. Selection Panel

5.1. The Selection Panel will comprise of the Chair of the Scholarships Committee (or nominee) in the Chair, an academic staff member in Health (appointed by the Chair of the Scholarships Committee), plus one representative appointed by the Braemar Charitable Trust.

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

5.3. The Selection Panel's decisions are final and no further correspondence will be entered into following the selection meeting.

6. Awarding

6.1. The successful applicant will be advised of the offer of a Scholarship via their MyWaikato portal and must accept the offer by the prescribed date or the offer will lapse.

6.2. Through the School of Graduate Research, the University monitors recipients' performance and reserves the right to impose further conditions where a recipient's performance is unsatisfactory.

- 6.3. The successful applicant may be offered paid work experience by Braemar Charitable Trust, depending on availability.
- 6.4. Once the successful applicant has accepted their offer of the Scholarship, they may be contacted directly by the Braemar Charitable Trust.

7. Other Conditions

- 7.1. The Scholarship may be held in conjunction with any other scholarship, award or prize, unless the conditions of the other award preclude this.
- 7.2. Should a recipient withdraw from any papers, without adding sufficient papers to maintain an overall enrolment in a minimum of 120-points for the academic year, the University may ask for the Scholarship to be repaid.
- 7.3. In accepting the Scholarship, the recipient will be deemed to have read, understood, and accepted the conditions of the Scholarship, and the [Scholarships Policy](#).
- 7.4. The Scholarships Committee may terminate this Scholarship at any time, and recoup any funds disbursed, if the holder withdraws from the University of Waikato, brings the Scholarship, University or Donor into disrepute¹, or is otherwise not complying with the regulations governing the Scholarship and/or the University of Waikato. The holder of a Scholarship will have the right to appeal to the Scholarships Executive against any decision to terminate the award.
- 7.5. By accepting the Scholarship, the recipient agrees to participate in any publicity concerning the Scholarship arranged by the University of Waikato and/or the Donor.
- 7.6. The Scholarships Committee may, from time to time, vary these regulations.

¹ See [Code of Student Conduct](#).