The Norris Ward McKinnon Postgraduate Scholarship was established through the partnership with Norris Ward McKinnon and the University of Waikato. The Scholarship is designed to promote the importance of bringing the legal profession and the University together for the overall benefit of law students, and to facilitate access to excellence in academic pathways and research.

Norris Ward McKinnon also supports students and staff of Te Piringa – Faculty of Law through the provision of internship programmes and other professional experiences (competitions/mentorships).

1. Eligibility

1.1. Candidates will normally be enrolled or intending to enrol part- or full-time in a master or doctoral degree at Te Piringa – Faculty of Law and be undertaking research in a legal or closely related discipline.

1.1.1. Master degree candidates must undertake a research thesis to the value of at least 90 points.

1.1.2. Doctoral degree candidates who have not yet enrolled must provide a timeline showing the anticipated start and end dates of their doctoral programme.

1.1.3. Doctoral degree candidates nearing the end of their studies must provide a timeline showing the anticipated date of the submission of their thesis for examination.

1.2. Past recipients may reapply in subsequent years.

1.3. Candidates employed by the University of Waikato will not be eligible for the Scholarship however, employment as a sessional assistant, or similar, may be permitted.

1.4. Applicants must be citizens or permanent residents of New Zealand.

2. Value

2.1 The Scholarship will have a value of up to $22,000 in any given year and the sum may be divided between multiple recipients.

2.2 The Scholarship will be paid to the successful recipient/s in equal monthly instalments and will have a tenure of one year.

3. Applications

3.1 Applications close on the 25 August 2019 (extended closing date).

3.2 Applicants must include with their application:

a) a curriculum vitae (no longer than four A4 pages in length);

b) a one page personal statement that includes, but is not limited to, the relevance of the research to the legal profession; and

c) two academic references.
4. Selection Criteria

4.1 Academic merit will be a primary criterion for selection, with a minimum grade point average of B+ expected for eligibility.

4.2 Other factors that may be taken into consideration include; references, publications, area of research and prior legal experience.

5. Selection Panel

5.1 The Selection Panel will comprise of the Chair of the Scholarships Committee (in the Chair) or their nominee, the Dean of Te Piringa – Faculty of Law (or their nominee), a representative of Norris Ward McKinnon and the Scholarship’s Committee representative from the Division of Arts, Social Sciences and Law.

5.2 The Selection Panel’s decision is final and no correspondence will be entered into following the selection meeting.

6. Awarding

6.1 Successful applicants will be advised of the offer of a Norris Ward McKinnon Postgraduate Scholarship in writing and must advise the School of Graduate Research at the University of Waikato of their acceptance of the offer by the date stipulated in the offer.

6.2 A Scholarship may only be taken up by an applicant who has formally completed the entry qualifications for, and then enrols in, doctoral studies in Te Piringa - Faculty of Law. Enrolment must be within six months of the scholarship offer. If a recipient does not start within this time period, the Scholarship offer will be withdrawn.

7. Other Conditions

7.1 The Scholarship may be held with any other scholarship, award or prize, provided that the regulations of the other award allow this.

7.2 The recipient will not be eligible to receive Scholarship funds during periods of suspension of enrolment. In the cases of overpayment, the School of Graduate Research will work with the recipient to recoup any funds.

7.3 If, while in receipt of a Norris Ward McKinnon Postgraduate Scholarship, the recipient withdraws from their enrolment, or their enrolment is terminated, the Scholarship will cease and any overpayments will be recouped.

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 or the University into disrepute¹, or is otherwise not complying with the conditions governing the Scholarship and/or the regulations of the University of Waikato. The holder of a Scholarship shall have the right to appeal to the Scholarships Executive against any decision to terminate the Scholarship.

7.5 The recipient of a Scholarship shall have the right to appeal against any decision to terminate a Scholarship.

¹ See Code of Student Conduct.
7.6 With the consent of Norris Ward McKinnon, or at their request, the University may from time to time vary these regulations.

7.7 By accepting the offer of a Scholarship, the recipient agrees to participate in any publicity concerning the Scholarship arranged by the University of Waikato and/or Norris Ward McKinnon.