

Beginning in 2019, Te Ara Hou Scholarship provides support to cohorts of students who want to undertake tertiary study at the University of Waikato, but whose circumstances may have impacted their ability to apply for the main scholarships for School Leavers. Te Ara Hou can be translated to mean ‘new path’, and for 2022 will provide between 66 and 100% of fees in university accommodation in B Trimester (depending on which Hall of Residence is chosen). University accommodation provides a supportive atmosphere, helps students build lifelong memories and friendships, and improves academic outcomes. The Scholarship is awarded on the basis of evidence of academic readiness and the applicant’s rationale for beginning their studies in B Trimester at the University of Waikato.

1. Purpose

- 1.1. To recognise the University of Waikato’s strong commitment to removing potential barriers and supporting those who are academically ready to seek a tertiary education.

2. Eligibility and Selection Criteria

- 2.1. **To be eligible** for consideration, candidates must:

- 2.1.1. **be a school-leaver and/or gap year student** who:

- a. completed NCEA Level 3 (or equivalent) towards University Entrance; and
- b. is intending to enrol full-time (a full-time academic year comprises 120 points; one Trimester is 60 points) in an undergraduate degree programme¹ at the University of Waikato for the first time² in B Trimester of the year of application; **OR**

- 2.1.2. **be a postgraduate student** who:

- a. achieved at least a ‘B’ grade average for their most recent 240 points of study at a New Zealand university; and
- b. is intending to enrol full-time (a full-time academic year comprises 120 points; one Trimester is 60 points) in a postgraduate degree programme at the University of Waikato in B Trimester of the year of application;

- 2.1.3. be a New Zealand citizen or permanent resident.

- 2.2. **Selection is based on:**

- 2.2.1. academic results; and

- 2.2.2. rationale for wanting to study at the University of Waikato.

- 2.3. The University recognises that family and financial circumstances are factors that may hinder the opportunity to study at university, and special consideration will be given to applicants who demonstrate serious financial hardship and/or extraordinary personal circumstances.

¹ This does not include diplomas, certificates, etc. except in the case of Te Tohu Paetahi, which can be used as a pathway into an undergraduate degree programme. Other candidates whose degree structure requires them to enrol in an alternative programme of study in the year of tenure can request special consideration by submitting a [Scholarship Variation Request](#).

² Candidates who have undertaken Unistart papers at the University of Waikato are not excluded by this clause.

3. **To maintain eligibility**, students offered the Scholarship must:

- 3.1.1. be accepted into a programme of study at the University of Waikato;
- 3.1.2. enrol full-time as outlined in Clause 2.1.1.b or Clause 2.1.2.b; and
- 3.1.3. enrol in accommodation in one of the University's Halls of Residence. Recipients are guaranteed a space in one of the Halls of Residence, however, in order to maintain this guarantee, recipients must have completed their application to the Halls, including payment of the deposit and any other administration costs³, by the specified application due date(s).

4. **Value, Tenure and Awarding**

- 4.1. Each Scholarship will have a value of **up to \$5,000**, which will be applied as an accommodation credit to one of the University's Halls of Residence at the beginning of B Trimester. No more than 100% of the accommodation fees for the University Halls will be provided to the student under any circumstances.
- 4.2. Recipients may choose to study at any campus of the University of Waikato.
- 4.3. Successful applicants 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.
- 4.4. In accepting the Scholarship, the recipient will be deemed to have read, understood, and accepted the conditions of the Scholarship and the [Scholarships Policy](#).
- 4.5. The Scholarship will have a tenure of 6 months, and must be taken up in the year it is offered.

5. **Application**

- 5.1. The closing date for online applications is **7 June 2022**.
- 5.2. As part of the online application process, each candidate must:
 - 5.2.1. Submit a Personal Statement (using the prescribed template) that sets out the following:
 - (i) Why the candidate wants to study at the University of Waikato;
 - (ii) Financial hardship and/or extraordinary personal circumstances (if applicable); and
 - (iii) Any other information of relevance to the Selection Panel.

6. **Selection Panel**

- 6.1. The Scholarship Selection Panel will comprise the Chair of the Scholarships Committee (in the Chair), the Deputy Director Strategic Engagement, and the Associate Director Student Accommodation (or nominees).
- 6.2. The Selection Panel may refrain from making a recommendation if it finds no suitable candidates.

³ Students are required to pay the Bond and Administration fee. If this isn't possible, contact accom@waikato.ac.nz in the first instance.

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

7. Other Conditions

- 7.1. The Scholarship may not be held in conjunction with any other University of Waikato scholarship or any other University of Waikato funding that includes an accommodation credit as a component. It may be held in conjunction with any other scholarship, award or prize, unless the conditions of the other award preclude this.
- 7.2. 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.
- 7.3. Recipients who take up this scholarship are expected to complete at least four trimesters of study at the University of Waikato. Those who withdraw their enrolment before the end of this period will normally be required to pay back the full sum of monies received.
- 7.4. Through the School of Graduate Research and Student Services Division, the University monitors students' performance and reserves the right to impose further conditions where a student's conduct is unsatisfactory.
- 7.5. 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 disrepute⁴, 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.
- 7.6. The Scholarship is not refundable to the student under any circumstances.
- 7.7. By accepting the Scholarship, the recipient agrees to participate in any publicity concerning the Scholarship arranged by the University of Waikato.
- 7.8. The Scholarships Committee has the power to amend or vary these regulations, provided that there is no departure from the main purpose of the Scholarship.

⁴ See [Code of Student Conduct](#).