This Scholarship fund was established with the help of public donations to mark the retirement of Professor Wilf Malcolm as Vice-Chancellor of the University of Waikato on 30 June 1994.

The fund is intended to provide substantial support for students enrolling in a PhD, DMA, EdD, or SJD programme at the University of Waikato.

The Wilf and Ruth Malcolm Doctoral Scholarship shall be offered by the Scholarships Executive on behalf of the Academic Board.

The Wilf and Ruth Malcolm Doctoral Scholarship will be governed by the regulations of the University of Waikato Doctoral Scholarship in all respects except for the following.

1. Regulations

1.1. In keeping with the prestigious nature of this award, the value of the Wilf and Ruth Malcolm Doctoral Scholarship will exceed that of the University of Waikato Doctoral Scholarship. The Scholarship will normally comprise the following:

1.2. An annual living allowance $4,000 per annum higher than a University of Waikato Doctoral Scholarship, for three years, with provision for application for a six-month extension;

1.3. Full domestic enrolment fees (including the Student Services Levy, but excluding insurance) for the duration of the Scholarship;

1.4. A conference and professional development grant totalling of $6,000 in total;
   1.4.1. A maximum of $2,000 may be drawn from the grant during the first year of enrolment; thereafter, the full balance of the fund may be called upon;

1.5. A contribution towards thesis preparation expenses of up to $500.

1.6. The Wilf and Ruth Malcolm Doctoral Scholarship is not open for application, but will normally be awarded every three years to the successful University of Waikato Doctoral Scholarship candidate who has the highest GPA and/or is most meritorious.

1.7. In the year for which the Scholarship is available to be awarded, all applications received for the University of Waikato Doctoral Scholarships will be considered for the Wilf and Ruth Malcolm.

1.8. By accepting the offer of a Wilf and Ruth Malcolm Doctoral Scholarship, the candidate agrees to participate in any publicity concerning the Scholarship arranged by the University of Waikato.

1.9. The University of Waikato may, from time to time, vary these regulations.