Purpose
The Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences established the FASS Study Abroad Fees Scholarship for incoming Study Abroad students in order to enhance awareness, and foster interest, amongst international students in academic programmes offered by the Faculty.

The Scholarship is intended to provide financial support for tuition fees for international students enrolled in the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences as part of a Study Abroad agreement with their home university.

Regulations
1. Eligibility
   1.1. In order to be eligible for consideration, applicants must:
   1.1.1. be an international student enrolled at an overseas university that has a Study Abroad agreement with the University of Waikato; and
   1.1.2. be intending to enrol as a Study Abroad student in the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences at the University of Waikato in A or B Semester 2018.

2. Value
   2.1. The Scholarships will have a value of NZ$1,500 for full-time students. Part-time students will receive a pro-rata amount.
   2.2. The Scholarship will be credited directly towards the recipient’s University of Waikato tuition fees for the relevant semester upon their arrival at the University.

3. Application
   3.1. Applications will close on 1 December 2017 for A Semester and on 1 March 2018 for B Semester.
   3.2. Applicants must include with their application:
   3.2.1. a Personal Statement (using the template provided on the online Scholarship application form);
   3.2.2. a CV (maximum four A4 pages); and
   3.2.3. a verified copy of their academic transcript from their home university.

4. Selection Criteria
   4.1. Scholarships will be awarded primarily on academic merit. Grade Point Average (GPA) calculations will be based on the applicant’s most recent 240 points of study (the equivalent of two years full-time study), where applicable. Other criteria including involvement in sporting, cultural or community activities will also be taken into consideration.
5. Selection Panel

5.1. The Selection Panel will comprise of the Dean of the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, the Associate Dean Academic, the Faculty’s representative on the University’s Scholarships Committee, and one FASS Academic Advisor nominated by the Dean, or their nominees.

5.2. In special circumstances where time does not permit consideration by the full Panel, the Dean may award a Scholarship(s) in consultation with as many member(s) of the Panel as practicable.

5.3. The Selection Panel may refrain from making a recommendation if it finds no applicant of sufficient merit.

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

6. Awarding

6.1. All applicants will be advised by email of the outcome of their application.

6.2. The offer of a Scholarship must be accepted by the due date indicated in the offer letter or the offer will lapse.

6.3. Recipients of this award must enrol as a Study Abroad student in an approved programme of study in the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences for the appropriate semester.

6.4. The Scholarship will have a maximum tenure of one semester.

7. Other Conditions

7.1. This Scholarship cannot be held in conjunction with a University of Waikato Research Masters Scholarship or a University of Waikato Taught Postgraduate Scholarship. It may, however, be held with any other scholarship or award, unless the conditions of the other funding preclude this.

7.2. If, during the tenure of the Scholarship, a recipient’s circumstances change in such a manner that their continued eligibility for the Scholarship may be affected, they must inform the Scholarships Committee (via the School of Graduate Research Scholarships Team) immediately.

7.3. The Scholarships Committee may terminate a Scholarship at any time, and recoup any funds awarded, if it is satisfied that the recipient is not following the approved programme of study or is not otherwise complying with the regulations governing the Scholarship and/or the University of Waikato. The recipient of a Scholarship will have the right to appeal against any decision to terminate the award.

7.4. By accepting a Scholarship, the recipient agrees to participate in any reasonable publicity concerning the Scholarship arranged by the University of Waikato.

7.5. Recipients of the Scholarship will be required to:

7.5.1. Participate in at least two information sessions with other students while at the University of Waikato; and

7.5.2. Submit a report (minimum three A4 pages) on their experience as a Study Abroad student at the end of their time at the University of Waikato.