1. **Purpose**

   1.1. The WSU Scholarship for Cultural Contribution was established to recognise and celebrate students who demonstrate outstanding cultural contribution to the University of Waikato.

2. **Eligibility**

   2.1. To be eligible, applicants must:
      
   a) have completed at least 120 points of study at the University of Waikato, at the time of application, and
   b) be enrolled part- or full-time in the second year or above of their qualification at the University of Waikato.

   2.2. The Scholarship is open to New Zealand citizens, permanent residents and international students.

   2.3. Current members of the Waikato Students’ Union Executive, or employees of the Waikato Students’ Union who hold a fixed-term or continuing contract, are not eligible to apply for this Scholarship.

3. **Value**

   3.1. The value of the Scholarship will be up to $2,500 and will be paid as one lump sum directly to the recipient.

   3.2. It is expected that the Scholarship will be used to help defray course and living costs.

4. **Application**

   4.1. The closing date for applications is 30 May.

   4.2. Applicants must include the following information with their applications:
      
   a) a brief CV (no more than 4 A4 pages in length), and
   b) a personal statement addressing the selection criteria outlined in clauses 5.1 and 5.2.
   c) two referees’ reports supporting their cultural contribution to the University of Waikato to be sent directly to the Scholarships Office.
5. **Selection Criteria**

5.1. Selections will be based on outstanding cultural contribution to the University of Waikato.

5.2. Cultural contribution will be assessed on the following:

   a) contributions of an ethnic nature, and/or
   b) artistic contribution, and/or
   c) involvement in promoting and enhancing activities that add to the student experience on campus.

6. **Selection Panel**

6.1. The Selection Panel will comprise the President of the Waikato Students’ Union (in the Chair), the Vice President of the Waikato Students’ Union, one Director of the Waikato Students’ Union as nominated by the President, and a representative of the University of Waikato Scholarships Committee (as nominated by the Chair of the Scholarships Committee).

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

7. **Awarding**

7.1. The Scholarship will have a maximum tenure of one year.

7.2. Applicants may receive this Scholarship on one occasion only.

7.3. On the recommendation of the Selection Panel, the Scholarship may be shared.

7.4. All applicants will be notified of the outcome of their application as soon as practicable following the selection meeting.

8. **Other Conditions**

8.1. The Scholarship may be held together with any bursary, prize or student allowance, unless the conditions of the other award preclude this.

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

8.3. By accepting a Scholarship, the recipient agrees to participate in any publicity concerning the Scholarship arranged by the Waikato Students’ Union or the University of Waikato, and agrees to attend a presentation ceremony to collect the award.