The GymAware Research Award was established in 2018 to support postgraduate research degree students to investigate specific areas of strength and conditioning such as load-velocity profiling and the use of feedback to enhance performance. GymAware (Kinetic Performance Technologies) is a tool used in high performance sport to provide information to the coach and athlete during resistance training sessions. The tool has many benefits and applications. Due to the complexity of uses it is important to continue to explore innovative ways to maximise the use of the technology and the information available. These Awards are funded by Kinetic, and one Award will be offered annually for the next three years, starting in 2019.

1. Purpose
   1.1. The Award was established to encourage and assist postgraduate research degree students by providing:
   a) a $7,500 Award during their postgraduate research studies; and
   b) an opportunity to undertake research of relevance to their postgraduate studies using a high-performance sport tool.

2. Eligibility
   2.1. To be eligible, applicants must be studying either a Masters by thesis or a doctoral degree in the Faculty of Health, Sport and Human Performance at the University of Waikato.

3. Value and Tenure
   3.1. A $7,500 Award paid in two instalments, each on receipt of a 4-monthly report.
   3.2. The Award will have a maximum tenure of one year.

4. Application
   4.1. The annual closing date for applications is 22\textsuperscript{nd} February each year.
   4.2. Applicants should submit the following along with their online application:
   • A CV of no more than two A4 pages;
   • A Personal Statement, which includes the following subheadings:
     • A brief outline of their postgraduate research project;
     • Specific details about how use of GymAware will benefit their postgraduate research project;
     • A research timeline, including due dates of the two research reports.
   • One academic reference, attesting to the academic and research strengths of the applicant.
5. **Selection Criteria**

5.1. The Award will be assessed primarily on academic merit, taking into consideration the specific use of the GymAware tool and potential benefit to Kinetic.

6. **Selection Panel**

6.1. The Selection Panel shall include the Chair of the Scholarships Committee (or nominee) as chairperson, the Faculty of Health, Sport and Human Performance Representative on the Scholarships Committee, and a member of academic staff in the Faculty of Health, Sport and Human Performance nominated by Kinetic Performance Technologies.

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

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

7. **Awarding**

7.1. The offer of an Award must be accepted by the date indicated in the letter of offer or the offer will lapse.

8. **Other Conditions**

8.1. Students may hold the Award on one occasion only.

8.2. Two research reports are required and should be submitted via the University staff member nominated by Kinetic Performance Technologies.

8.3. The Award may be held along with any bursary, prize, or student allowance, unless the conditions of any other awards precludes this tenure.

8.4. The Scholarships Executive may terminate this Award at any time, and recoup any funds disbursed, if the holder withdraws from the University of Waikato, brings the Award, the University or Kinetic Performance Technologies into disrepute¹, or is otherwise not complying with the conditions governing the Award and/or the regulations of the University of Waikato. The holder of an Award shall have the right to appeal to the Research Committee against any decision to terminate the Award.

8.5. In signing and returning the Award acceptance form, the student will be deemed to have read, understood, and accepted the conditions for the award and retention of the scholarship.

8.6. By accepting an Award, the recipient agrees to participate in any publicity concerning the Award arranged by the University of Waikato or Kinetic Performance Technologies.

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¹ See [Student Code of Conduct](#).