The Waitaha-A-Hei / University of Waikato Scholarship was established in 2018 as a dollar-for-dollar co-partnership between Waitaha Charitable Trust and the University of Waikato. The Scholarship was designed to increase the participation and success of students registered with Te Kapu o Waitaha while studying at the University of Waikato. The total pool of funding available each year is $29,000.

1. Purpose
   1.1. The Scholarship was designed to provide support of students registered with Te Kapu o Waitaha while studying at University of Waikato.

2. Eligibility
   2.1. To be eligible, applicants must:
       a) be a registered beneficiary with Te Kapu o Waitaha;
       b) be enrolled or intending to enrol full-time (a full-time academic year comprises 120-points) at the University of Waikato in any level of study in the year of tenure.
   2.2. To maintain eligibility, students offered the scholarship must:
       a) If not already studying at the University they must be accepted into their programme of study;
       b) Remain enrolled full-time for the period of tenure, and
       c) Attend a Waitaha Scholarship Wananga organised by Waitaha Charitable Trust. At the Wananga, the Scholarship will be formally awarded.

3. Value
   3.1. Scholarships will have a total value of $2,000 and will be paid directly to the recipient in two equal instalments. Bank account details will be requested from those who are made an offer of a Scholarship as part of the acceptance process. Payments will be made as follows:
       a) The first instalment after the withdrawal date of A Trimester, or after the Wananga is held (whichever is latest) in the year of tenure.
       b) The second instalment will be paid as soon as practicable after the end of Trimester B and only after confirmation of the following conditions:
          i. For those studying at undergraduate or taught postgraduate level then the recipient must pass all papers in Trimesters A and B.
          ii. For those undertaking at research-level students) gaining satisfactory progress reports throughout the year.
4. **Application Criteria**

4.1. **For 2021 candidates only, the closing date will be 18 January 2021.** The application includes completion of an online application form available through the Scholarships Finder and MyWaikato.

4.2. As part of the online application process, each candidate must provide the following:
   a) A budget for their year of study;
   b) Evidence of registration with Te Kapu o Waitaha;
   c) a brief CV (maximum 2 pages in length).
   d) **School Leaver applicants should also include:**
      - a personal statement outlining their commitment to succeed at University and their future aspirations.

4.3. The applicant’s most recent grades will be sought by the Scholarship Team directly from NZQA (on approval of the applicant) or obtained directly from the University.

5. **Selection Panel and Selection Criteria**

5.1. The Selection Panel will comprise of up to two representatives from the Waitaha Charitable Trust, and a representative of the University Scholarship Committee (appointed annually by the Chair of the Scholarships Committee).

5.2. Applicants will be selected on the application criteria outlined under Clause 4.2, in particular the need for funding to support their studies and their likelihood to succeed at University.

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

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

6. **Awarding and Tenure**

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

6.2. The Scholarship will have a maximum tenure of one year and must be taken up in the year for which it is offered.
7. **Other Conditions**

7.1. Academic (or other) progress will be observed by Waitaha Charitable Trust. Successful applicants will be required to complete one online accountability form (provided by Waitaha Charitable Trust) and submit two mid-semester self-assessment reports during the year of tenure.

7.2. The University of Waikato Scholarships Committee, after consultation and agreement with Waitaha Charitable Trust, may terminate this Scholarship at any time, and recoup any funds disbursed, if the holder withdraws from the University of Waikato, brings the Scholarship, University or Waitaha Charitable Trust into disrepute\(^1\), or is otherwise not complying with the conditions governing the Scholarship and/or the regulations for the University of Waikato. The holder of a Scholarship will have the right to appeal to the Scholarships Executive against any decision to terminate the award.

7.3. In accepting the Scholarship, the recipient will be deemed to have read, understood, and accepted the conditions of the Scholarship and the [Scholarships Policy](#).

7.4. Recipients must remain enrolled full-time for the period of tenure. Should a recipient withdraw from any papers, without adding sufficient papers to maintain an overall full-time enrolment, the University and/or Waitaha Charitable Trust may ask for the Scholarship to be repaid.

7.5. Recipients may hold the scholarship concurrently with other University of Waikato Scholarships.

7.6. The Scholarships Committee, in consultation with the Waitaha Trust, has the power to amend or vary these regulations provided that there is no departure from the main purpose of the Scholarship.

7.7. By accepting the Scholarship, the recipient agrees to participate in any reasonable publicity concerning the Scholarship arranged by Waitaha Charitable Trust and/or University of Waikato.

\(^1\) See [Code of Student Conduct](#)