1. Purpose

1.1. As part of our commitment to postgraduate research, the University of Waikato has made available funding to assist students with the completion of a doctoral degree.

2. Eligibility

2.1. To be eligible, candidates must:
   a) be enrolled in a Doctor of Philosophy (PhD), Doctor of Musical Arts (DMA), Doctor of Education (EdD), or a Doctor of Juridical Science (SJD).
   b) normally be seeking to obtain their first doctoral qualification;
   c) be submitting their soft bound thesis for examination between 1 December 2017 and 1 March 2018; and
   d) be a New Zealand citizen, permanent resident of New Zealand, or an international student;

2.2 Students enrolled part-time will be eligible to apply; however, the award will be made on a pro-rata basis. The thesis submission deadlines are the same as per clause 2.1 (c) of these regulations.

2.3 Applicants employed by the University of Waikato will not normally be eligible to apply for this Scholarship.

3. Value

3.1. The value of the Scholarship will be up to $5,000 and will be paid in one lump sum immediately following selection.

4. Application

4.1. The closing dates for applications is 20 November 2017.

4.2. Along with the prescribed application form, each applicant must submit:
   a) A personal statement (using the prescribed template)
   b) A clear timeline leading up to submission (specifying the planned date of submission)

4.3 Applicants ask a supervisor to complete the prescribed Supervisor Statement of support, which the supervisor must email directly by the School of Graduate Research by the closing date.

5. Selection Criteria

5.1. When assessing applications, the Panel will take into consideration the following:
   - academic merit;
   - financial hardship;
   - Publications and conference attendance;
   - Length of enrolment (preference will be given to students submitting within four years of (equivalent full time) enrolment;
   - History of satisfactory doctoral progress reports; and
   - Other funding received by the applicant.
5.2. All applicants will be advised by email of the outcome of their application.

5.3. The Scholarships Committee’s decision is final and no further correspondence will be entered into following notification of the outcome of the selection meeting.

6. Awarding

6.1. Successful applicants will be sent a Terms and Conditions document which must be signed and returned by the date stated in the offer documents.

6.1.1. The offer of a University of Waikato Doctoral Completions Scholarship must be accepted within one week of the offer being made. If it is not accepted within this timeframe, the Scholarship offer will lapse.

7. Other Conditions

7.1. The Scholarships Committee may terminate a Scholarship at any time and recoup 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.

7.2. The holder of a Scholarship shall have the right to appeal to the Research Committee against any decision to terminate the Scholarship.

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

7.4. The University may from time to time vary these regulations.