The Executive Education Emerging Leader Award recognizes emerging business, industry and community leaders in the Bay of Plenty and Waikato. In particular, the Award is intended to support these emerging leaders to undertake a Master of Business Administration (MBA) or Postgraduate Diploma in Management Studies (PGDip(MgtSt)) at the University of Waikato. One Award is offered each year, funded by the Waikato Management School.

1. Eligibility
   1.1. To be eligible, applicants must:
       1.1.1. Be a citizen or permanent resident of New Zealand;
       1.1.2. Reside in the Bay of Plenty or Waikato regions;
       1.1.3. Be an Emerging Leader within the Bay of Plenty or Waikato business community;
       1.1.4. Have applied for, and been accepted into the MBA or PGDip(MgtSt) programme; and
       1.1.5. Not have been a previous recipient of any Waikato Management School (WMS) University of Waikato Scholarship or Award for the MBA or PGDip(MgtSt).

2. Value
   2.1. The Award will be up to $10,000 and will be paid towards the applicant’s full tuition fees in the year of tenure for the MBA or PGDip(MgtSt) programme.

3. Application
   3.1. The closing dates for applications is 4 March (extended).
   3.2. As part of the online application process, each applicant must:
       3.2.1. Complete and upload the prescribed Personal Statement form that includes (but is not limited to) the following subheadings:
               • Leadership contribution to business and the community in the Bay of Plenty or Waikato;
               • Ongoing leadership potential;
               • Management experience; and
               • The impact of postgraduate study/qualification on your business and how it would add value to the Bay of Plenty or Waikato economies.
       3.2.2. Request references from two referees; one of these must be from your employer or business associate if self-employed.

1 Formerly the Chamber of Commerce Tauranga Business Scholarship (2005 to 2015) and Tauranga Chamber of Commerce Business Scholarship (2016 to 2018)
4. **Selection Criteria and Selection Panel**

4.1. The Award will be offered on the basis of the applicant's personal statement.

4.2. The Selection Panel will comprise the Dean – Waikato Management School (WMS), the Associate Dean - Academic Systems (WMS), the Academic Director – Executive Education (WMS), or nominees; and the WMS representative on the University of Waikato Scholarships Committee (in the Chair).

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

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

5. **Awarding and Tenure**

5.1. The Award will have a tenure of one year.

5.2. The successful applicant will be advised of the offer of an Award and must accept the offer by the prescribed date or the offer will lapse.

5.3. If a successful applicant declines the Award, or does not take it up in the year of offer, the Selection Panel reserves the right to offer the Award to another candidate.

6. **Other Conditions**

6.1. The successful candidate will be expected to complete the Part One of the MBA or the PGDip(MgtSt) programme within two (2) years of acceptance into the programme.

6.2. The Scholarships Committee may terminate an Award at any time, and recoup any funds disbursed, if the holder withdraws from the University during the tenure of the Award, brings the University into disrepute\(^2\), or is otherwise not complying with the regulations governing the Award.

6.3. The holder of an Award shall have the right to appeal to the Scholarships Executive against any decision to terminate the Award.

6.4. In consultation with the University, Faculty and/or sponsor, these regulations may be varied from time to time, provided that there is no departure from the main purpose of the Award.

6.5. By accepting the Award, the recipient agrees to participate in any events or publicity concerning the award arranged by the University of Waikato.

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\(^2\) See [Student Code of Conduct](#)