1. **Purpose**

1.1. This Scholarship was established for the benefit of members of the Tauranga Chamber of Commerce, to assist a recipient to undertake the Postgraduate Diploma in Management Studies (PGDipMgtSt) at the University of Waikato, Tauranga Campus.

1.2. The Tauranga Chamber of Commerce Business Scholarship will be awarded annually, to provide funds for students to undertake study at Postgraduate level in Management Studies.

2. **Eligibility**

2.1. To be eligible, candidates must:

2.1.1. Be a citizen or permanent resident of New Zealand;

2.1.2. Have applied for, and been accepted into (but not yet enrolled in), the PGDipMgtSt programme in Tauranga;

2.1.3. Have a tertiary or relevant professional qualification

2.1.3.1. In some cases the requirement for formal degree qualification may be waived, where relevant practical experience is deemed to offset the need for prior tertiary study;

2.1.4. Have a minimum of three years’ relevant managerial experience;

2.1.5. Own, or be employed by, a business or organisation which is a member of the Tauranga Chamber of Commerce;

2.1.6. Have the support of their employer; and

2.1.7. Not have been a previous recipient of any Waikato Management School (WMS) University of Waikato scholarship awarded for the PGDipMgtSt.

3. **Value**

3.1. The Scholarship will span two years, and will cover half (50%) of the candidate’s fees in each of those two years of enrolment in the PGDipMgtSt programme offered in Tauranga.

4. **Application**

4.1. The closing dates for applications is **20 February 2018**.

4.2. As part of the online application process, each applicant must:

4.2.1. Complete and upload the prescribed Personal Statement form that includes (but is not limited to) the following subheadings:

   - My contribution to business and the community;
   - My management experience; and
   - My leadership potential.

4.2.2. Upload a CV of no more than two pages in length.

4.2.3. Two references to support your application, one of these must be from your employer or business associate if self-employed.
5. **Selection Criteria**  
5.1. The Scholarship will be offered on the basis of:  
   5.1.1. Past academic performance;  
   5.1.2. Contribution to business and the community;  
   5.1.3. Management experience; and  
   5.1.4. Leadership potential.

6. **Selection Panel**  
6.1. The Selection Panel will comprise the Chief Executive Office of the Tauranga Chamber of Commerce, a Board Member from the Tauranga Chamber of Commerce, the University’s Academic Director of Waikato Management School Executive Education, or nominees, and the Faculty’s representative on the University of Waikato Scholarships Committee.  
6.2. Short-listed candidates will be required to outline how they expect their postgraduate study and qualification would positively impact on their business and the Tauranga and Bay of Plenty economy.  
6.3. The Selection Panel may refrain from making a recommendation if it finds no candidate of sufficient merit.  
6.4. The Selection Panel’s decision is final and no correspondence will be entered into following the selection meeting.

7. **Awarding**  
7.1. The successful applicant will be advised of the offer of a Scholarship in writing, and must advise the University’s Scholarships Office of their acceptance of the offer by the prescribed date.  
7.2. If a successful applicant declines a Scholarship, or does not take it up the year of offer, the Selection Panel reserves the right to offer the Scholarship to another candidate.

8. **Reporting**  
8.1. At the conclusion of their study, the recipient may be required to present a short summary to a nominated audience.

9. **Other Conditions**  
9.1. The successful candidate will be expected to complete the PGDipMgtSt programme within two (2) years of acceptance into the programme.  
9.2. The Scholarships Committee may terminate a Scholarship at any time, and recoup any funds awarded, if it is satisfied that the recipient is not following the required programme or is not otherwise complying with the conditions governing the Scholarships.  
   9.2.1. The holder of a Scholarship shall have the right to appeal to the Research Committee against any decision to terminate the award.  
9.3. By accepting a Scholarship, the recipient agrees to participate in any events or publicity concerning the award arranged by the Tauranga Chamber of Commerce and/or the University of Waikato.