The University of Waikato International Alumni Masters Scholarship (China) was established in 2017 to provide alumni of the University of Waikato, who are domiciled in China, with the opportunity of furthering their studies at master’s level (postgraduate diploma or master’s degree) at the University of Waikato.

The Scholarship is equivalent to 20% of the tuition fees for the first year of full-time study at masters level by an International student. The Scholarship will be applied to tuition fees only and is not transferrable. Students are required to pay their first year of tuition fees and apply for a student visa. The University will transfer the scholarship funding to the student's tuition fees once their enrolment has been completed (or on a pro-rata basis, depending on the semester the student commences).

Up to 10 scholarships are on offer each year. There is no application process; the first 10 eligible students to enrol in any one year, will be automatically offered the University of Waikato International Alumni Masters Scholarship (China).

1. Purpose

1.1. The University of Waikato International Alumni Masters Scholarship (China) was established to support and encourage talented alumni students domiciled in China to apply to study at Masters level at the University of Waikato.

2. Eligibility

2.1. To be eligible, candidates:

a) Must be an alumnus of the University of Waikato, having studied on a University of Waikato degree level programme for at least one full academic year
b) Must have achieved a bachelors degree of a minimum of B- or equivalent
c) Must be applying to study on a postgraduate diploma or master’s level programme of one academic year or more
d) Must be domiciled in China at the time of their application to the University of Waikato
e) Must be paying international fees and not be classified as a domestic student or permanent resident
f) Must be in the year of tenure, commencing a full-time programme/s of study with a total duration of no less than 12 months at the University of Waikato
g) Must be residing in New Zealand for the tenure of the scholarship
h) Must not be coming to the University of Waikato via a sponsoring body\(^1\); and
i) Must not be coming to the University of Waikato on a Guaranteed Credit Arrangement\(^2\), or through a study abroad or student exchange agreement.

3. Value

3.1. The Scholarship will have a value equivalent to 20% of the tuition fee for the recipient’s first year of study and will be applied directly to the recipient’s tuition fees for their chosen programme/s of study once their enrolment is completed. Any refund of fees will be payable after the withdrawal date for the relevant semester.

a) Students commencing in A Semester (March of each year) are able to enrol for the duration of the calendar year and will have the full amount of the Scholarship credited to their tuition fees.

b) Students commencing in B Semester (July) are only able to enrol for the remainder of the calendar year (July – December) and will have half the amount of the Scholarship credited to their tuition fees. Once they have enrolled in A Semester of the following year, the remainder of the Scholarship will be paid to their tuition fees.

c) Students commencing in T Semester (November), who are enrolled in Semester T and A (March), will have the full amount of the Scholarship credited to their tuition fees.

4. Application and Awarding

4.1. The University of Waikato International Alumni Masters Scholarship (China) will be awarded automatically to the first 10 eligible students in each financial year. No application is needed.

4.2. The eligibility criteria for awarding of the University of Waikato International Alumni Masters Scholarship (China) are set by the University of Waikato International Office. In case of any dispute with regards to the eligibility, a final decision regarding the award will be taken by the International Office.

4.3. After a Formal Offer of Study has been made, eligible applicants will receive an official scholarship letter as confirmation of acceptance of the Scholarship. This letter may be included with the applicant’s student visa application.

5. Tenure

5.1. The tenure is one academic year and the scholarship is valid only within the year for which it is awarded.

5.2. Successful recipients may defer from A semester to B semester in the year offered but only after consultation and agreement with the International Office.

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\(^1\) Examples of a sponsoring body are: governments, institutions and employers who fund student scholarships for study.

\(^2\) Guaranteed credit arrangements are where an institution outside of New Zealand has a formal agreement with the University of Waikato whereby a student can study part of their degree at the partner institution and credit that study towards 1 – 2 years of study at the University of Waikato.
6. Other Conditions

6.1. The Scholarship may be held in conjunction with other scholarships, except those listed in 6.1.1, unless the conditions of the other scholarship preclude this.

6.1.1. This Scholarship cannot be held in conjunction with:
   a) any other University of Waikato funded tuition or accommodation fees scholarship or award
   b) any Education New Zealand scholarship, including the Dream New, or International Excellence for India awards.

6.2. This Scholarship is not refundable to the student.

6.3. For any of the following reasons, the Scholarships Committee may terminate a Scholarship and recoup any funds dispersed if a recipient:
   a) withdraws from papers without adding sufficient papers to maintain full-time enrolment,
   b) changes to a qualification not covered under this scholarship,
   c) fails to make satisfactory progress in their first semester of study,
   d) does not comply with the conditions of their student visa,
   e) changes to domestic student status within the tenure of the Scholarship, or
   f) does not comply with the conditions governing the Scholarship and/or the regulations of the University of Waikato.

6.4. The recipient will have the right to appeal against any decision to terminate a Scholarship by writing to the School of Graduate Research who will forward the appeal to the relevant committee.

6.5. In signing and returning the Scholarship acceptance form, the student will be deemed to have read, understood and accepted the regulations of this Scholarship.

6.6. Recipients of this Scholarship agree to participate, if required, in any promotional activity and events organised by the University of Waikato during the tenure of the Scholarship.

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3 Education Committee or Research Committee as applicable.