The Waikato Management School Emerging Leaders Award (formerly the Executive Education Emerging Leaders Award) recognises emerging business, industry and community. In particular, the Award is intended to support these emerging leaders to undertake a Master of Business Administration (MBA) at the University of Waikato.

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

2. **Value**
   2.1. The value of the Award will be **up to $7,500** and will be paid towards the applicant’s tuition fees in the year of tenure for the MBA programme. The amount offered for this Award is at the discretion of the Selection Committee and will be based on criteria such as, but not limited to, total available funding, grades, financial need, number of credits enrolled, number of applicants and period of enrolment.

3. **Application**
   3.1. The closing dates for applications is **19 March**.
   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 your region
         - Ongoing leadership potential;
         - Management experience; and
         - The impact of postgraduate study/qualification on your business and how it adds value to your region’s economy.
      3.2.2. Request references from two referees; one of these must be from your employer or business associate if self-employed. References previously provided for the

---

1 Formerly the Chamber of Commerce Tauranga Business Scholarship (2005 to 2015) and Tauranga Chamber of Commerce Business Scholarship (2016 to 2018) and Executive Education Emerging Leader Award (2019 – 2020)
MBA application, can be submitted but must have the approval from the referee to be accepted for the scholarship.

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 PVC – Division of Management (WMS), the Associate Dean - Academic and Operations – Division of Management (WMS), the Director – Professional Programmes – Division of Management (WMS), or nominees; and the Division of Management (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. In accepting the Scholarship, the recipient will be deemed to have read, understood, and accepted the conditions of the Scholarship and the Scholarships Policy.
   5.3. 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.
   5.4. 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 MBA programme within three (3) years of acceptance into the programme.
   6.2. The Scholarships Committee 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 Sponsor into disrepute, or is otherwise not complying with the conditions governing the Scholarship and/or the regulations of the University of Waikato. The holder of a Scholarship shall have the right to appeal to the Scholarships Executive against any decision to terminate the Scholarship.
   6.3. The Scholarships Committee has the power to amend or vary these regulations provided that there is no departure from the main purpose of the Scholarship.
   6.4. By accepting the Award, the recipient agrees to participate in any events or publicity concerning the award arranged by the University of Waikato.

---

2 See [Code of Student Conduct](#)