



The John Allan Scholarship in Education was established in 2005 and was made possible by a donation from John Allan, the first Principal of the Hamilton Teachers' College. John Allan held this position for twenty years until his retirement in 1979. During that time, he successfully implemented innovative teacher education programmes including a three-year primary training qualification, one year longer than existing programmes. John Allan's vision and progressive leadership was acknowledged when he was awarded an Honorary Doctorate by The University of Waikato in 1980.

The funds are held in trust by the University of Waikato Foundation, and one Scholarship will be awarded annually until such time as the funds are depleted, approximately 2027.

1. Purpose

- 1.1. The Scholarship provides financial assistance to students undertaking research towards a Master's degree in the Division of Education at the University of Waikato and who best meets the donor's wish to stimulate research into ways of making teaching more effective.

2. Eligibility and Selection Criteria

- 2.1. **To be eligible for consideration** applicants must meet all the following criteria:
 - 2.1.1. be a qualified teacher, currently registered with the Teaching Council of Aotearoa New Zealand.
 - 2.1.2. be academically strong (i.e., applicants are expected to have at least a B+ grade-point-average over their entire undergraduate degree).
 - 2.1.3. be enrolled part- or full-time in a 60-, 90- or 120-point master's thesis with the Division of Education in an area of relevance to the donor's intent outlined above under Purpose.
 - 2.1.4. be eligible for domestic fees status. (i.e., be a NZ Citizen, NZ Permanent Resident, NZ Resident Class Visa holder, or Australian Citizen/Permanent Resident domiciled in NZ).
- 2.2. **Selection is primarily based on** all the following criteria:
 - 2.2.1. academic ability.
 - 2.2.2. alignment of research to the donor's intent to 'stimulate research into ways of making teaching more effective'.
- 2.3. Preference will be given to applicants intending to conduct research related to professional practice in education.

3. Value, Tenure and Awarding

- 3.1. The Scholarship has a value of **\$5,000** and will be paid directly into the recipient's bank account, in one lump sum as soon as practicable after acceptance.
- 3.2. The successful applicant will be advised of the offer of a Scholarship via their MyWaikato portal and must accept the offer by the prescribed date or the offer will lapse.
- 3.3. The Scholarship will have a maximum tenure of one year and must be taken up in the year for which it is offered.

4. Application

- 4.1. The closing date for applications is **1 August each year**.
- 4.2. As part of the online application process, each applicant must submit all the following:
 - 4.2.1. an outline of their (proposed) research topic.
 - 4.2.2. evidence of their Practising Certificate registration number, the category of certification, and expiry date.
 - 4.2.3. a verified copy of academic transcripts (including grading scale) from any other tertiary institution(s) attended, other than the University of Waikato.
- 4.3. As part of the application process, applicants must also request the submission of an academic reference.

5. Selection Panel

- 5.1. The Selection Panel will comprise the Division of Education representative to the Scholarships Committee (in the Chair), the Division of Education Associate Dean Postgraduate Research, and the Associate Dean Academic (or nominee).
- 5.2. The Selection Panel may refrain from making a recommendation if it finds no applicants of sufficient merit.
- 5.3. The Selection Panel's decision is final, and no correspondence will be entered into following the selection meeting.

6. Other Conditions

- 6.1. The Scholarship may be held together with any award, unless the conditions of the other award preclude this.
- 6.2. Recipients should seek independent financial advice about any tax implications of their scholarship.
- 6.3. In accepting the Scholarship, the recipient will be deemed to have:
 - 6.3.1. read, understood, and accepted the conditions of the Scholarship and the [Scholarships Policy](#).
 - 6.3.2. agreed to participate in any publicity concerning the Scholarship arranged by the University of Waikato.
- 6.4. The Scholarships Committee may terminate this Scholarship at any time, and recoup any funds disbursed if the holder withdraws from the University of Waikato during the tenure of the Scholarship, brings the Scholarship, University or the Sponsor into disrepute¹, or is otherwise not complying with the regulations governing the Scholarship. The holder of a Scholarship shall have the right to appeal to the Scholarships Executive against any decision to terminate the Scholarship.
- 6.5. 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.

¹ See [Code of Student Conduct](#).