

The Beca Scholarship in Environmental Planning was established in 2023 through the generous support of Beca. Beca's purpose of 'Make Everyday Better' and their values of Enjoyment, Tenacity, Partnership and Care are part of their rationale for supporting these scholarships. One \$3,000 Scholarship is awarded each year to a student enrolled in the third year of a Bachelor of Environmental Planning. Applicants will be shortlisted, and selection of recipients includes interviews.



1. Purpose

- 1.1. The Scholarship provides financial support to outstanding environmental planning students to continue their study.

2. Eligibility and Selection Criteria

2.1. To be eligible applicants must:

- 2.1.1. be currently enrolled full-time (i.e., in 120-points) in the second year of a Bachelor of Environmental Planning (BEP) and be intending to enrol full-time in the third year of a Bachelor of Environmental Planning (BEP) in the year following application.
- 2.1.2. have completed at least 120 points of study at the University of Waikato towards a BEP.
- 2.1.3. have achieved at least a B grade-point average (GPA) in each of the previous years of study towards a BEP degree.

2.2. Previous recipients of **this** Scholarship **are not eligible**.

2.3. Selection is based on:

- 2.3.1. academic results for previous study towards the BEP degree. Particular attention may be given to results achieved in the year prior to the year of tenure.
- 2.3.2. communication skills and leadership potential.
- 2.3.3. contribution to university and community activities.
- 2.3.4. potential of applicant to add value to the environmental planning profession.

2.4. To maintain eligibility, recipients must in the year of tenure:

- 2.4.1. enrol full-time in at least two Trimesters (i.e., 120 points, usually eight papers) in a programme outlined in Clause 2.1.1.
- 2.4.2. pass all papers in A Trimester in the year of tenure.
- 2.4.3. Recipients must submit a brief summary of their achievements over the year in early November to development@waikato.ac.nz; **this will be** forwarded to Beca.

3. Value, Tenure and Awarding

- 3.1. The Scholarship has a value of **\$3,000** and will be paid in two equal instalments, each payment conditional on recipients maintaining Clause 2.4.
 - 3.1.1. **\$1,500** paid directly to the recipient as soon as practicable after acceptance of the scholarship or the withdrawal date of A Trimester (whichever is later).
 - 3.1.2. **\$1,500** paid directly to the recipient after the withdrawal date of B Trimester. Where a student has not satisfied the requirements of the Scholarship, they will forfeit entitlement to the second instalment, but will not be required to repay the first instalment.
- 3.2. The Scholarship has a tenure of one year.
- 3.3. The successful applicants 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.
- 3.4. In accepting the Scholarship, the recipient will be deemed to have:
 - 3.4.1. read, understood, and accepted the conditions of the Scholarship, and the [Scholarships Policy](#).
 - 3.4.2. agree to participate in any publicity concerning the Scholarship arranged by the University of Waikato and/or the Donor.
 - 3.4.3. agree to be contacted directly by Beca staff and/or staff from the University of Waikato Development Office.

4. Application and Interview

- 4.1. The closing date for applications is **15 December each year**.
- 4.2. As part of the application process, each applicant must provide information on the following within the online form. Applicants should consider, where appropriate, connections to Beca's purpose. The questions are:
 - 4.2.1. Why have you chosen to study environmental planning.
 - 4.2.2. What do you want to achieve as an environmental planner.
 - 4.2.3. Outline motivation for activities undertaken outside of university and length of time involved (e.g., community, sporting, family or other activities).
 - 4.2.4. If successful, how will the scholarship funds be spent.
 - 4.2.5. If there were one other area that Beca could support in their studies, what would it be.
- 4.3. The applications will be collated and forwarded to staff at Beca, who will shortlist four students to attend an interview.
- 4.4. The shortlist process may include any current staff from Beca and is at the discretion of Beca. University staff on the Selection Panel are not involved in the shortlisting process.

5. Selection Panel

- 5.1. The Selection Panel will comprise of the Scholarships Committee Representative from the Division of Arts, Law, Psychology and Social Sciences in the Chair, an academic member of staff nominated by the Chair, and up to two representatives from Beca.
- 5.2. The Selection Panel may refrain from making a recommendation if it finds no candidate 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 with any other Scholarship, Award or Prize, unless the conditions of the other funding preclude this.
- 6.2. If a recipient is in receipt of a student allowance, another scholarship, or any type of financial assistance, it is their responsibility to check their entitlement to other income and any tax implications. Recipients should seek independent financial advice about any tax implications of their Scholarship.
- 6.3. Should a recipient withdraw from any papers without adding sufficient papers to maintain an overall enrolment in a minimum of 120-points for the academic year, the University may ask for the Scholarship to be repaid.
- 6.4. Through the School of Graduate Research, the University monitors recipients' performance and reserves the right to impose further conditions where a recipient's performance is unsatisfactory.
- 6.5. 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 Donor into disrepute¹, or is otherwise not complying with the regulations governing the Scholarship and/or the University of Waikato. The holder of a Scholarship will have the right to appeal to the Scholarships Executive against any decision to terminate the award.
- 6.6. The Scholarships Committee has the power to amend or vary these regulations in consultation with the donor.

¹ See [Code of Student Conduct](#).