

The Braemar Charitable Trust Scholarship in Health was established in 2021 through the generous donation of the [Braemar Charitable Trust](#). The Trust aims to improve health outcomes in our communities and to advance health equity and access. In particular, the Trust strives to help those who face challenges accessing health services and, as a result, suffer poorer health and health outcomes. The Trust has five key pillars to achieve this goal, including ownership of Braemar Hospital; contributing to research that advances medical knowledge; growing the medical workforce and their knowledge and skills; promoting collaboration for better health outcomes and facilitating community surgery and health interventions for eligible patients.



One \$10,000 scholarship and potential for a work placement opportunity in Braemar Hospital will be awarded each year (2024-2026) to a student in their second year of the Bachelor of Health. The work placement will be paid directly by the Trust.

1. Purpose

- 1.1. The Scholarship provides financial support and work experience opportunities for promising second year Bachelor of Health students from populations, communities and/or regions typically under-represented in health who might not otherwise be able to access education. It is specifically intended for those who reside in the Waikato Te Whatu Ora region and plan to pursue a career in healthcare upon graduation, in the wider Waikato Te Whatu Ora region.

2. Eligibility and Selection Criteria:

- 2.1. **To be eligible, applicants must** meet all the following criteria:
 - 2.1.1 be enrolled full-time (i.e., 120-points) in the second year of their Bachelor of Health at the University of Waikato in the year of tenure.
 - 2.1.2 be from a population, community and/or region typically under-represented in health and which experiences barriers to health.
 - 2.1.3 have been enrolled full-time (i.e., 120-points) and achieved at least a B+ average in their first year of study at the University of Waikato.
 - 2.1.4 reside in the Waikato Te Whatu Ora region and intend to work in healthcare in the wider Waikato Te Whatu Ora region upon graduation.
 - 2.1.5 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 will be based on** all the following selection criteria:
 - 2.2.1 academic merit.
 - 2.2.2 the likelihood of the applicant using their study to contribute to the NZ health sector, particularly in the wider Waikato Te Whatu Ora region.
 - 2.2.3 alignment of the applicant to the purpose of the scholarship.

2.3. Financial hardship and extraordinary personal circumstances may also be taken into consideration.

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

2.4.1 remain enrolled full-time (120-points) in a Bachelor of Health.

2.4.2 pass all courses in A Trimester.

3. Value, Tenure and Awarding:

3.1. The Scholarship has a value of **\$10,000** and will be paid as follows:

3.1.1 **\$5,000** paid directly to the recipient as soon as practicable after acceptance of the Scholarship, or after the withdrawal date of A Trimester (whichever is latest).

3.1.2 **\$5,000** paid directly to the recipient after the withdrawal date of B Trimester and conditional on the student passing all courses in A Trimester.

3.2. Potential for a work placement opportunity, subject to availability, will be paid directly by the Trust).

3.3. The Scholarship has a tenure of one year.

3.4. 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.

3.5. In accepting the Scholarship, the recipient will be deemed to have:

3.5.1. read, understood, and accepted the conditions of the Scholarship, and the [Scholarships Policy](#).

3.5.2. agreed to participate in any publicity concerning the Scholarship arranged by the University of Waikato and/or the Donor.

3.5.3. be contacted directly by staff of the Braemar Charitable Trust.

4. Application

4.1. The closing date for online applications is **15 March annually**.

4.2. As part of the online application process, each applicant must provide information on the following within the online form:

3.3.1 Why completing their degree is important to the applicant and their future ambitions;

3.3.2 The applicant's intention to work in healthcare in the wider Waikato Te Whatu Ora region upon graduation;

3.3.3 That the applicant is from a population, community or region that is typically under-represented in health;

3.3.4 Any financial circumstances that are relevant; and

3.3.5 Any other information that may be of relevance to the Selection Panel.

4.3. As part of the application process, applicants must also request the submission of a confidential professional reference. This could be from your current workplace or it could be from a placement you have completed. It is important for the applicant to follow up with their referee to ensure the reference is submitted by the deadline (5 days following the closing date).

5. Selection Panel

- 5.1. The Selection Panel will comprise of the Scholarships Committee representative from the Division of Health (in the Chair), an academic staff member in Health (appointed by the Pro-vice Chancellor of Health, or nominee), and up to two representatives appointed by the Braemar Charitable Trust.
- 5.2. The Selection Panel may refrain from offering a scholarship if it finds no applicant of sufficient merit.
- 5.3. The Selection Panel's decisions are final and no further correspondence will be entered into following the selection meeting.

6. Other Conditions

- 6.1. The Scholarship may be held in conjunction with any other Scholarship, Award or Prize, 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. 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 may, from time to time, vary these regulations.

¹ See [Code of Student Conduct](#).