

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 for Waikato communities. 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; investing in medical research; developing medical knowledge; investing in partnerships to improve health outcomes and providing free or subsidised medical care at Braemar Hospital 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 who meet the criteria. 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 DHB region and plan to pursue a career in healthcare upon graduation, in the wider Waikato DHB region.

## 2. Eligibility and Selection Criteria:

### 2.1. To be eligible, applicants must:

- 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 DHB region and intend to work in healthcare in the wider Waikato DHB region upon graduation; and
- 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:

- 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 DHB 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 will have a value of **\$10,000** and will be paid as follows:
  - a) **\$5,000** will be 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).
  - b) **\$5,000** will be paid directly to the recipient after the withdrawal date of B Trimester and is 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 will have 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 read, understood, and accepted the conditions of the Scholarship, and the [Scholarships Policy](#).
- 3.6. Once the successful applicant has accepted their offer of the Scholarship, they may be contacted directly by 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:
  - 4.2.1 A Personal Statement that outlines:
    - Why completing their degree is important to the applicant and their future ambitions;
    - The applicant's intention to work in healthcare in the wider Waikato DHB region upon graduation;
    - That the applicant is from a population, community or region that is typically under-represented in health;
    - Any financial circumstances that are relevant; and
    - 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.

## **5. Selection Panel**

- 5.1. The Selection Panel will comprise of the Chair of the Scholarships Committee (or nominee) in the Chair, an academic staff member in Health (appointed by the Chair of the Scholarships Committee), 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 disrepute<sup>1</sup>, 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. By accepting the Scholarship, the recipient agrees to participate in any publicity concerning the Scholarship arranged by the University of Waikato and/or the Donor.
- 6.7. The Scholarships Committee may, from time to time, vary these regulations.

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<sup>1</sup> See [Code of Student Conduct](#).