

Brian Perry Charitable Trust Undergraduate Scholarships - 2026



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Te Whare Wānanga o Waikato



The Brian Perry Charitable Trust Undergraduate Scholarships were established in 2007 to assist second year students studying towards an undergraduate degree in the School of Science, School of Engineering or the Waikato Management School at the University of

Waikato. The Brian Perry Charitable Trust was established in 1976 with a personal donation of \$100,000 from Hamilton businessman Brian Perry and his wife Peggy. It aims to provide support to the community that kindly assisted them with their business growth. The Trust continues to develop strong partnerships with like-minded organisations to deliver on its purpose of 'Making a meaningful difference towards a vibrant Waikato Region'.

The funds are held in trust by the University of Waikato Foundation, and up to two scholarships will be awarded each year until such time as the funds are depleted.

1. Purpose

- 1.1. The Scholarship supports well-rounded students studying in their second year of full-time study towards an undergraduate degree in either the School of Science, School of Engineering or the Waikato Management School at the University of Waikato.

2. Eligibility and Selection Criteria

2.1. To be eligible, in the year of application, applicants must:

- 2.1.1. be enrolled full-time (a full-time academic year comprises 120-points) in the second year of study towards an undergraduate degree, in one of the following Schools:
 - a) School of Science
 - b) School of Engineering; or
 - c) Waikato Management School.
- 2.1.2. have been enrolled full-time (120-points) for at least one year at the University of Waikato in the year preceding their application; and
- 2.1.3. be eligible for domestic fees status (i.e., be a New Zealand Citizen, New Zealand Permanent Resident, New Zealand Resident Class Visa holder, or Australian Citizen/Permanent Resident domiciled in New Zealand)

2.2. Selection will be based on:

- 2.2.1. academic merit – a minimum grade-point-average (GPA) of B in previous 120-points of study.
- 2.2.2. leadership potential / involvement in team situations.
- 2.2.3. sporting interests & community involvement.
- 2.2.4. financial hardship may also be taken into consideration.

2.3. To maintain eligibility, recipients must:

- 2.3.1. remain enrolled full-time (120-points) in the appropriate programme of study during the year of tenure.

3. Value, Tenure and Awarding

- 3.1. Up to two Scholarships will be awarded annually with a value of **\$5,000**.

- 3.2. The Scholarship will be paid directly into the recipient's bank account in one lump sum as soon as practicable after acceptance of the Scholarship.
- 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.
- 3.4. 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. If an applicant declines the offer, or does not take it up, the scholarship may be offered to a reserve applicant.
- 3.5. Successful applicants may be required to attend an event where they will update Trustees and fellow recipients on their achievements.

4. Application

- 4.1. The closing date for online applications is **30 July each year**.
- 4.2. As part of the online application process, each applicant must complete the following:
 - 4.2.1. A personal statement that outlines:
 - a) reason for choosing selected programme of study;
 - b) leadership potential; and
 - c) community involvement / extracurricular activities
 - 4.2.2. A brief CV (no more than two A4 pages in length).
- 4.3. Each candidate must also request the submission of two references, one academic and one character. The character reference must not be from an **immediate family member**.
- 4.4. The Selection Panel will shortlist and select applicants to attend an interview.

5. Selection Panel

- 5.1. The Selection Panel will comprise of the Chair of the Scholarships Committee (or nominee), a representative from the Brian Perry Charitable Trust; an academic from the School of Science or School of Engineering (nominated by the Business Manager of the Development Office) and an academic from the Waikato Management School (nominated by the Business Manager of the Development Office).
- 5.2. The Selection Panel may refrain from making a recommendation if it finds no applicant 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 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. Recipients must remain enrolled full-time for the period of tenure, 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. 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 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.
- 6.5. The Scholarships Committee in agreement with the Donor has the power to amend or vary these regulations provided that there is no departure from the main purpose of the Scholarship.
- 6.6. By accepting the Scholarship, the recipient agrees/deemed to:
 - 6.6.1. have read, understood, and accepted the conditions of the Scholarship and the [Scholarships Policy](#).
 - 6.6.2. participate in any publicity concerning the Scholarship arranged by the University of Waikato and/or the Donor.

¹ See [Code of Student Conduct](#).