Broad Memorial Scholarship 2027

THE UNIVERSITY OF WAIKATO
Te Whare Wānanga o Waikato

The Broad Memorial Scholarship (previously the Broad Memorial Fund till 2024) was established in 1983 in memory of Dr Jon Broad and his daughter Philippa Broad who both died in the November 1979 Mount Erebus air disaster. Mrs. Margaret Broad provided initial funds, with further donations received from colleagues and friends of the deceased. Dr Philippa Broad, an alumna of the University, had intended to start a Master of Science in Earth Sciences at the time of the disaster.

The funds are held in trust with the University of Waikato Foundation and $10,000 will be available annually until 2030 when it is anticipated that the funds will be fully depleted.

1. Purpose

1.1. The Broad Memorial Scholarship is intended to support students undertaking postgraduate study with a research component in the Division of STEM in the field of Earth Sciences and/or Environmental Sciences.

2. Eligibility and Selection Criteria

2.1. **To be eligible applicants must** meet all following criteria:

2.1.1. be currently enrolled full- or part-time at the University of Waikato in postgraduate study in the Division of STEM **with a research component** in the field of Earth Sciences and / or Environmental Sciences. To be clear, this only includes the following degree programmes: MSc (Research), MPhil, or PhD.

2.1.2. have at least 9 months remaining on their enrolment and intend to remain enrolled during the year of tenure.

2.1.3. have achieved at least a B+ grade point average in their most recent undergraduate or postgraduate study.

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) or be international students.

2.2. Previous recipients may reapply in future rounds.

2.3. **Selection is based on** all the following criteria:

2.3.1. academic merit.

2.3.2. motivation of the applicant to undertake postgraduate research.

2.4. **Preference will be given to applicants who** meet one or more of the following criteria:

2.4.1. undertaking research related to Antarctica.

2.4.2. undertaking research in Earth Sciences.

2.4.3. have not previously held the Scholarship.

2.4.4. do not hold any other funding and/or who have need of the funds.

2.5. **To maintain eligibility recipients** must, in the year of tenure, remain enrolled in the programme of study outlined in clause 2.1.1.

3. Value, Tenure and Awarding

3.1. Up to four scholarships will be awarded each year, with a total combined value of all scholarships awarded coming to **$10,000.**

3.1.1. Recipients studying full-time will be awarded at least $5,000 and recipients studying part-time will be awarded at least $2,500.

3.2. Scholarships will be paid in two equal cash instalments as follows:

3.2.1. 50% will be paid as soon as practicable upon acceptance of the scholarship.

3.2.2. 50% will be paid 6 months after the first instalment, conditional on clause 2.5 being met.

3.3. The scholarship has a maximum tenure of one year.

3.4. The successful applicant will be advised of the offer of the scholarship via their MyWaikato portal and must accept the offer by the prescribed date or the offer will lapse.

4. Application

4.1. The closing date for applications is **31 March** annually.

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

4.2.1. motivation for undertaking postgraduate research in their chosen field.

4.2.2. a short synopsis of the research including the title.

4.2.3. a brief description of the progress achieved to date, and likely date of completion of the research.

4.2.4. details of how the funds will be used.

4.2.5. Any other information that may be relevant to the Selection Panel.

4.3. As part of the application process, each applicant must also request the submission of a confidential Chief Supervisor Reference, endorsing the application, regarding the intended use of the award, certifying that the applicant is not in receipt of significant funds from research contracts or other sources that would otherwise be expected to cover those costs, and commenting on the quality and amount of the research undertaken to date.

5. Selection Panel

5.1. The panel will comprise the Scholarships Committee representative from the Division of STEM (in the Chair), and two academic staff members from Earth or Environmental Sciences nominated by the Dean of Te Aka Mātuatua School of Science.

5.2. The selection panel may refrain from making a recommendation if it finds no applicant of sufficient merit in that year.

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 award may be held together with any scholarship, prize or student allowance, unless the conditions of the other award preclude this.

6.2. Recipients should seek independent financial advice about any tax implication of their Award.

6.3. In accepting the scholarship, the recipient:

6.3.1. will be deemed to have read, understood, and accepted the conditions of the Scholarship and the Scholarships Policy.

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

6.4. The Scholarships Committee may terminate an award at any time, and recoup any funds disbursed, if the holder withdraws from the University of Waikato, brings the award, University or Sponsor into disrepute[1], or is otherwise not complying with the conditions governing the award and/or the regulations of the University of Waikato. The holder of an award shall have the right to appeal to the Research Committee against any decision to terminate the Award.

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 award and in consultation with the donor.

[1] See Code of Student Conduct