

Chemist Warehouse Master of Pharmacy Practice Scholarship 2026



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Te Whare Wānanga o Waikato

The Chemist Warehouse Master of Pharmacy Practice Scholarship was established in 2024 through the generous donation from Chemist Warehouse®. Chemist Warehouse continues to be at the forefront of New Zealand pharmacy, and is New Zealand's largest retail pharmacy group. They aim to enhance patient and customer outcomes through the most effective means, resulting in greater patient outcomes and customer savings.



Up to four scholarships, including potential for a work placement opportunity at Chemist Warehouse, will be awarded each year (2025-2027) to students studying the Master of Pharmacy Practice at the University of Waikato who meet the selection criteria. Half the total \$10,000 funding available each year will be allocated preferentially to students who whakakapa to [Waikato-Tainui](#) or who are of Māori and/or Pacific descent. The work placement will be paid directly by Chemist Warehouse.

Funds are held in trust with the University of Waikato Foundation and Scholarships will be offered until 2027 when it is anticipated that the funds will be fully depleted.

1. Purpose

- 1.1. The Scholarship provides financial support and possible work experience opportunities for promising Master of Pharmacy Practice students.

2. Eligibility and Selection Criteria:

2.1. To be eligible, applicants:

- 2.1.1 must have applied to enrol full-time (full-time enrolment is 120 points of study in an academic year) in any year of the Master of Pharmacy Practice at the University of Waikato.
- 2.1.2 are expected to have achieved at least a B+ average in their most recent undergraduate degree programme.
- 2.1.3 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. Previous recipients may reapply in future years if they continue to meet the eligibility requirements

2.3. Selection will be based on all the following criteria:

- 2.2.1 academic merit. Where an applicant has a GPA below B+ then the remaining criteria below will have stronger considerations.
- 2.2.2 the intent of the scholarship, as outlined in the background above.
- 2.2.3 financial hardship and extraordinary personal circumstances may also be taken into consideration

2.4. **Preference may be given to:**

2.2.4 applicants who have not previously received the scholarship.

2.2.5 applicants from a population, community and/or region typically under-represented in health and which experience barriers to health.

2.5. **To maintain eligibility** recipients must, in the year of tenure enrol in and remain enrolled in the Master of Pharmacy Practice at the University of Waikato.

3. Value, Tenure and Awarding:

3.1. Up to four scholarships will be awarded each year, as follows:

3.1.1. One to a student who has whakapapa to Waikato-Tainui.

3.1.2. One to a student of Māori and/or Pacific descent.

3.1.3. The remaining scholarships, including any not already allocated under 3.1.1 or 3.1.2 above will be allocated as per the selection criteria outlined in clause 2.3.

3.2. Each Scholarship has a value of **\$2,500** and will be paid directly to the recipient as a lump sum payment as soon as practicable after acceptance of the Scholarship or after the withdrawal date of A Trimester (whichever is later).

3.3. Potential for a work placement opportunity, subject to availability, will be paid directly by the donor.

3.4. The Scholarship will have a tenure of one year.

3.5. 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.

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

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

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

3.6.3. agreed attend an award ceremony coordinated by staff of the School of Pharmacy and Biomedical Sciences.

3.6.4. agreed to being contacted directly by the donor.

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 complete the online form including questions about:

4.2.1. Why completing a Master of Pharmacy Practice is important to the applicant and their future ambitions.

4.2.2. Any financial circumstances that are relevant; and

4.2.3. 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 e.g., from a current workplace or from a placement.

5. Selection Panel

- 5.1. The Selection Panel will comprise of the Scholarships Committee Representative from the Division of Health (in the Chair), Head of School of Pharmacy and Biomedical Science (or nominee) and up to two representatives appointed by the North Island Regional Manager from Chemist Warehouse®.
- 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](#).