



The Craigs Investment Partners Women in Business Scholarship was established in 2022 to support women studying towards the final year of a Bachelor of Business or a Bachelor of Management Studies with Honours at the University of Waikato. Craigs Investment Partners are one of New Zealand's leading investment advisory firms, offering tailored investment solutions to private, corporate and institutional clients. Craigs Investment Partners manages the University of Waikato Foundation – To Pou Taunaki – Endowment Fund. The scholarship includes \$7,500 funding, one-on-one mentoring and the possibility of a summer work placement. One scholarship will be awarded each year.



1. Purpose

- 1.1 The Scholarship will provide financial support and mentoring opportunities for promising undergraduate female students studying full-time towards a Bachelor of Business or a Bachelor of Management Studies with Honours with a major in Finance at the University of Waikato.

2. Eligibility and Selection Criteria

2.1 To be eligible, applicants must:

- 2.1.1 identify as female in the personal details listed in the applicant's MyWaikato Portal;
- 2.1.2 be enrolled full-time in the year of application (a full-time academic year comprises 120-points) in one of the following degrees:
 - 2.1.3 the 3rd and final year of a Bachelor of Business (BBUS); or
 - 2.1.4 the 4th and final year of a Bachelor of Management (BMS(Hons))
- 2.1.5 have made, or show strong potential to make an impact on women in business;
- 2.1.6 be intending to pursue a career in the business sector;
- 2.1.7 be available to take part in face to face mentoring sessions on a monthly basis (during term time) at the Craigs Investment Partners Office based in Tauranga;
- 2.1.8 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); and
- 2.1.9 be willing to be part of one University-led visit to their secondary school, or another secondary school in the region, to highlight the importance of university study.

2.2 Selection will be based on:

- 2.2.1 Demonstration of a broad range of interests and commitment to their communities.
- 2.2.2 Reasoning and ability to articulate why they have chosen to study one of the eligible degrees outlined in clause 2.1.2 above and how they intend to make an impact on women in business.
- 2.2.3 Demonstration of interest in and curiosity about investing, the share market and how businesses and the economy operate.
- 2.2.4 Preference may be given to those applicants who are majoring in finance.

2.3 To maintain eligibility recipients must, in the year of tenure:

- 2.3.1 remain enrolled full-time (120-points) in the appropriate programme of study outlined in clause 2.1.2; and
- 2.3.2 maintain at least a B+ GPA over the first trimester of study.

3. Value, Tenure and Awarding

- 3.1 The scholarship will have a value of \$7,500, and will be paid directly towards the recipient's tuition fees (not including the Student Services Fee). If a recipient holds another tuition fees scholarship then the Scholarship will be paid to the student in two equal cash instalments (noting requirements in Clause 2.3);
 - 3.1.1 Payment one (\$3,750) will be paid directly to the recipient after the withdrawal date of A Trimester;
 - 3.1.2 Payment two (\$3,750) will be paid directly to the recipient after the withdrawal date of B Trimester.
- 3.2 One on one mentoring will be provided to the successful applicant and will likely take place face to face once a month in the Craigs Investment Partners Tauranga Office. The student and their mentor will agree the approach and review and reflect on the outcomes.
- 3.3 There will be potential for a summer work placement (subject to availability), which will be paid directly to the student by Craigs Investment Partners.
- 3.4 The Scholarship will have a maximum tenure of one year.
- 3.5 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, and the scholarship offered to the next reserve applicant.
- 3.6 In accepting the Scholarship, the recipient will be deemed to have read, understood, and accepted the conditions of the Scholarship and the [Scholarships policy](#).
- 3.7 In accepting the Scholarship, recipients may be contacted directly by members of Craigs Investment Partners Tauranga Office to coordinate mentoring and possible summer placement opportunities, and by the University Future Student and School Liaison Team for the school outreach opportunity.

4. Application

- 4.1 For 2024 the closing date will be 15 February.
- 4.2 As part of the online application process, each applicant must provide information on the following:
 - 4.2.1 Why completing a business degree is important to the candidate and their future ambitions;
 - 4.2.2 Any impact, or intention to make an impact, on women in the business sector;
 - 4.2.3 Description of non-study interests and actions they have taken to support their communities to thrive; and
 - 4.2.4 Knowledge and view on investing, the share market or how the economy and business operates, why that is and what the future looks like.
 - 4.2.5 A brief CV (no more than two A4 pages in length) that includes work experience to date.
- 4.3 Each candidate must also request the submission of two references from two different people:
 - 4.3.1 An Academic reference;
 - 4.3.2 A character reference who may not be an immediate member of the applicant's family.

5. Selection Panel

- 5.1 The Selection Panel will comprise of the University of Waikato Scholarships Committee representative from the Waikato Management School (in the Chair), an academic from the School of Accounting, Finance and Economics (nominated by Head of School), Head of People and Performance and CEO, Investment Banking from Craigs Investment Partners.
- 5.2 The Selection Panel may refrain from making a recommendation if it finds no applicant of sufficient merit.
- 5.3 After the Selection Panel a representative from Craigs Investment Partners may contact successful and unsuccessful candidates directly to provide feedback on their application.
- 5.4 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 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.
- 6.3 Recipients should seek independent financial advice about any tax implications of their Scholarship.
- 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 Sponsor 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 to participate in any publicity concerning the Scholarship arranged by the University of Waikato and/or the Donor.

¹ See [Code of Student Conduct](#)

