

The University of Waikato HEBUST Scholarship was established in 2018. The HEBUST programme is a collaborative project in transnational education between the University of Waikato and the Hebei University of Science and Technology, China. The programme offers courses from School of Engineering at University of Waikato as part of the Materials and Process Engineering Degree offered at HEBUST. At the end of the third year some HEBUST students can transfer to the University of Waikato to enroll in a BSc majoring in Materials and Processing, and receive a dual-degree.

Eligible applicants who wish to be considered for nomination should submit an application form. The award will be made by nomination of the HEBUST Programme Team based in New Zealand, who will forward the nomination to the scholarships team. The process of offering the award to a recipient, will start once the scholarships team has received the nomination. Prior to offer, the scholarships advisor will seek approval for payments via the Record of Decision. The Scholarship is awarded to up to six students each year and is funded by the School of Engineering. The last year for applications will be 2025.

1. Purpose

1.1. The Scholarship supports high achieving students transitioning from Hebei University of Technology (China) studying under the University of Waikato taught Bachelor of Science majoring in Materials and Processing to complete their final year of study towards the degree in New Zealand.

2. Eligibility and Selection Criteria

- 2.1. To be eligible, applicants must:
 - 2.1.1. be transitioning from Hebei University of Technology (China) to the University of Waikato to undertake full-time study towards a Bachelor of Science majoring in Materials and Processing; and
 - 2.1.2. have achieved at least a B grade point average (GPA) over the last 1.5 years of study at Hebei University of Technology.

2.2. Selection is based on:

- 2.2.1. Academic merit; and
- 2.2.2. Rationale for study at University of Waikato and future career goals and aspirations.

2.3. To maintain eligibility, recipients must:

2.3.1. Enrol full-time in the BSc majoring in Materials and Processing studying at the University of Waikato in New Zealand in A Trimester in the year of tenure;

- 2.3.2. remain enrolled full-time throughout the tenure of the scholarship and complete all three Trimesters within 1.5 years.
- 2.3.3. Remain an international student and reside in New Zealand during the tenure of the scholarship.
- 2.3.4. Achieve at least a B grade point average in each Trimester of study.

3. Application

- 3.1. The closing dates for applications is **1 February each year**.
- 3.2. As part of the online application process, each candidate must:
 - 3.2.1. Complete the online personal statement form that sets out the following:
 - a) Why the applicant wants to complete their degree at the University of Waikato.
 - b) What the applicant's career goals are, and how the scholarship will help them achieve these goals.
 - 3.2.2. Submit a copy of the applicant's Academic Record (in English) from Hebei University of Science and Technology.

4. Value, Tenure and Awarding

- 4.1. The Scholarship Value will be **between \$7,500 and \$15,000.**
 - 4.1.1. A maximum of two recipients will be awarded \$15,000, with the other recipients each being awarded \$7,500. The total number of recipients and the value of the award is at the discretion of the nominees and will be based on funding available, GPA and other selection criteria.
 - 4.1.2. The Scholarship will be paid in three cash instalments after the withdrawal date of each Trimester and contingent on the recipient maintaining all eligibility requirements in Clause 2.3.
 - 4.1.3. The scholarship will have a tenure of three Trimesters, beginning in the year indicated in the scholarship offer.
 - 4.1.4. Recipients will be advised of the offer of a Scholarship through their MyWaikato portal and must accept the offer by the date indicated or the offer will lapse.
 - 4.1.5. In accepting the Award, the recipient will be deemed to have read, understood, and accepted the conditions of the Award, and the <u>Scholarships</u> <u>Policy</u>.
 - 4.1.6. On receipt of the acceptance form, recipients will receive an official scholarship letter as confirmation of the acceptance of the Scholarship. This

letter may be included with their application for a student visa to study in New Zealand.

4.1.7. 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.

5. Other Conditions

- 5.1. The Scholarship may be held with any scholarship, award or prize unless the conditions of the other award preclude this.
- 5.2. The Scholarships Committee may terminate the Scholarship at any time, and recoup any funds disbursed, if the holder withdraws from the University of Waikato, brings the Scholarship, the University or the Sponsors 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.
- 5.3. By accepting the offer of a Scholarship, the recipient agrees to participate in any publicity concerning the Scholarship arranged by the University of Waikato.
- 5.4. The Scholarships Committee may, from time to time, vary these regulations.

¹ See <u>Student Code of Conduct.</u>