

The Hamilton Club Award in Health - 2026



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Te Whare Wānanga o Waikato

The Hamilton Club Award in Health (hereafter Scholarship) was established in 2017 by the generous legacy of The Hamilton Club (hereafter Club). The Club served the Hamilton and wider rural communities for 119 years (1898 to 2017). However, like many other clubs in New Zealand, membership declined over the years (a reflection of the changing times), making it no longer viable. In 2017 the remaining 54 members unanimously decided to dissolve the Club and distribute its \$1.3 million capital to five Hamilton organisations, creating an enduring legacy. The assets are derived from the sale of the Club's historic building. Purchased by a developer, the former clubhouse was restored to its original 1904 state and has since been re-purposed for professional office use. It will stand proud for another 100 years under the name 'Panama House'. The funds are held in trust by the University of Waikato Foundation. Up to fifty Scholarships will be awarded each year, across two application rounds per year, until 2028 when it is anticipated that the funds will be fully depleted.

1. Purpose

- 1.1. The purpose of this Scholarship is to support students enrolled in a degree programme at the University of Waikato which includes a clinical placement.

2. Eligibility and Selection Criteria

- 2.1. **To be eligible** applicants must meet all following criteria:
 - 2.4.1 be enrolled at any level of study in any health-related degree programme at the University of Waikato which includes a clinical placement component (e.g., midwifery, pharmacy, nursing, psychology).
 - 2.4.2 be NZ Citizens, NZ Permanent Residents, NZ Resident Class Visa holders or Australian Citizen/Permanent Residents domiciled in NZ.
- 2.2. Previous recipients are eligible to apply but only if they have passed all previous clinical placements while holding this award.
- 2.3. **Selection is based** on the potential financial barriers to completing a clinical placement.
- 2.4. Preference will be given to applicants who meet one or more of the following criteria:
 - 2.4.3 are without other scholarship funding in support of their clinical placement.
 - 2.4.4 of Māori ethnicity.
 - 2.4.5 of Pacific Island descent.
- 2.5. **To maintain eligibility recipients must**, in the year of tenure remain enrolled in a clinical placement paper.

3. Value, Tenure and Awarding

- 3.1. The Scholarship has a value of **\$1,500** and will be paid to the recipient as soon as practicable after acceptance of the Scholarship or the withdrawal date of the clinical placement paper, whichever is later. The funds are expected to be used to defray costs associated with attending a clinical placement.
- 3.2. The Scholarship has a tenure of one year, with no deferrals accepted.
- 3.3. The 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.

- 3.4. In accepting the Scholarship, the recipient will:
 - 3.4.1 be deemed to have read, understood, and accepted the conditions of the Scholarship, and the [Scholarships Policy](#).
 - 3.4.2 agreed to participate in any publicity concerning the Scholarship arranged by the University of Waikato

4. Application

- 4.1. The closing date for online applications each year are:
 - 4.1.1. **31 January** for A Trimester clinical placements.
 - 4.1.2. **31 May** for B Trimester clinical placements.
- 4.2. As part of the online application process, each applicant must provide information on the following:
 - 4.2.1. why they are interested in the field of health
 - 4.2.2. future study and/or career plans in the field of health.
 - 4.2.3. any financial barriers to successfully completing a clinical placement.
 - 4.2.4. any other funding received to support the clinical placement (e.g., Aniva Future Pacific Nurse Leaders).
 - 4.2.5. any other information that may be of relevance to the selection panel.

5. Selection Panel

- 5.1. The Selection Panel will comprise the Scholarships Committee representative from the Division of Health (in the Chair), and up to two clinical placement and/or academic staff members nominated by the PVC Division of Health and up to one nominated by the Head of School of Psychology.
- 5.2. The Selection Panel may refrain from making any decision 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 together with any other scholarship, award, or prize, unless the conditions of the other Scholarship preclude this.
- 6.2. Recipients should seek independent financial advice about any tax implications of their Scholarship.
- 6.3. 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.
- 6.4. The Scholarships Committee in agreement with the Sponsor(s) has the power to amend or vary these regulations provided that there is no departure from the main purpose of the Scholarship.

¹ See [Code of Student Conduct](#)