



The Ian McLaren Memorial Scholarship was established in 2017 and supports students undertaking an undergraduate programme in Education at the University of Waikato. Professor McLaren was a long serving staff member in Education and was instrumental in establishing both the three-year teaching programme and later the Bachelor of Education (BEd). He also took a lead role in the amalgamation of Hamilton Teachers' College with The University of Waikato. Professor McLaren was awarded Professor Emeritus in 1993. One Scholarship is available each year.

The funds are held in trust by the University of Waikato Foundation and the Scholarship will be offered until such time as the funds are depleted, approximately 2025.

1. Purpose

- 1.1. The Scholarship provides financial assistance to an undergraduate student who can clearly articulate how their aspirations and interests relate to broader education and future-focused society.

2. Eligibility and Selection Criteria

2.1. To be eligible for consideration, applicants must:

- 2.1.1. be enrolled full-time (a full academic year comprises of 120-points), in the second or consecutive year of an undergraduate programme, in the Division of Education at the University of Waikato in the year of tenure;
- 2.1.2. have achieved a minimum GPA average of B+ calculated on the last 120-points;
- 2.1.3. be involved in community and extracurricular activities, as well as have career aspirations and an interest in education and its relationship to society; and
- 2.1.4. have not previously received this Scholarship.

2.2. The application must be endorsed by the relevant Programme Leader.

2.3. The Scholarship is open to NZ Citizens, NZ Permanent Resident, NZ Resident Class Visa holder, or Australian Citizen/Permanent Resident domiciled in NZ, and international students. However, International students must have completed at least 120-points study at the University of Waikato.

2.4. Selection is primarily based on the applicant's:

- 2.4.1. Academic ability.
- 2.4.2. Ability to clearly articulate how their aspirations and interests relate to broader education and a future-focused society.
- 2.4.3. Involvement in the community and other extracurricular activities.

2.5. Preference will be given to applicants enrolled in an undergraduate programme.

3. Value, Awarding and Tenure

- 3.1. The value of the Scholarship will be **\$5,000** and paid in one lump sum directly into the recipient's bank account as soon as practicable after acceptance.
- 3.2. 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.
- 3.3. In accepting the Scholarship, the recipient will be deemed to have read, understood, and accepted the conditions of the Scholarship and the [Scholarships Policy](#).
- 3.4. The Scholarship has a maximum tenure of one year and must be taken up in the year for which it is offered.

4. Application

- 4.1. The closing date for applications is **1 August each year**.
- 4.2. As part of the online application process, each applicant must provide information about:
 - 4.2.1. future career aspirations.
 - 4.2.2. an outline of their interest in education and its relationship to society.
 - 4.2.3. community involvement and extracurricular activities.
 - 4.2.4. a verified copy of academic transcripts (including grading scale) from any other tertiary institution(s) attended, other than the University of Waikato.
 - 4.2.5. evidence that application is endorsed by the relevant Programme Leader (e.g. email confirmation).
- 4.3. As part of the application process, applicants must also request the submission of an academic reference.

5. Selection Panel

- 5.1. The Selection Panel will comprise the Division of Education representative on the University of Waikato Scholarships Committee (in Chair), the Division of Education Associate Dean (Academic) and a senior academic appointed by the Pro Vice-Chancellor of Education (or nominees).
- 5.2. The Selection Panel may refrain from making a recommendation if it finds no candidate of sufficient merit.
- 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 scholarship may be held together with any award unless the conditions of the award preclude this.
- 6.2. 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 of 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.

- 6.3. By accepting the Scholarship, the recipient agrees to participate in any publicity concerning the award arranged by the University of Waikato.
- 6.4. The Scholarships Committee 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](#).