

Julia Sandford Scholarship Regulations 2026



THE UNIVERSITY OF
WAIKATO
Te Whare Wānanga o Waikato

The Julia Sandford Scholarship was established in 2000 by Julia Sandford's best friend, husband, and fellow student, Bruce Wallace. Julia entered the University of Waikato in 1965 as a student of Geography and died of hepatitis in her third year of study in 1967 at the age of 19.

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 2040. There will be a maximum of one recipient per year.

1. Purpose

- 1.1. The Scholarship provides financial assistance to a student who demonstrates academic potential as well as commitment to, and focus on, Geography as a field of study.

2. Eligibility and Selection Criteria

- 2.1. To be eligible for consideration, applicants must:
 - 2.1.1. in the year of tenure, be enrolled/enrolling at the University of Waikato in a postgraduate diploma, or honours, masters, or doctoral-level study in disciplines having links to geography. Such disciplines include Environmental Planning, and Population Studies & Demography.
 - 2.1.2. 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. Selection will be based on:
 - 2.2.1. academic potential and demonstrated commitment to the geography-related discipline.

3. Value, Tenure and Awarding

- 3.1. The Scholarship will have a value of **\$1,500** and will be paid in one lump sum directly to the one recipient as soon as practicable after acceptance of the Scholarship.
- 3.2. 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.
- 3.3. 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 will have a maximum tenure of one year and must be taken up in the year for which it is offered.

4. Application

- 4.1. Applications must be received **by 30 April each year**.
- 4.2. As part of the online application process, each applicant must complete an online Personal Statement that outlines the following:
 - 4.2.1. commitment to their geography-related discipline
 - 4.2.2. community involvement; and
 - 4.2.3. financial circumstances.

- 4.3. Applicants must also submit a brief CV (maximum two A4 pages).
- 4.4. Each candidate must nominate an academic reference who is able to attest to academic commitment and focus within the Geography-related discipline. An automatic request is sent to the referee email on submission of the application.

5. Selection Panel

- 5.1. The Selection Panel will comprise the Division of Arts, Law, Psychology and Social Sciences representative to the Scholarships Committee (in Chair), the Head of School of Psychological and Social Sciences (or nominee) and the donor or their representative.
- 5.2. The Selection Panel may require applicants to attend an interview.
- 5.3. The Selection Panel may refrain from making a recommendation if it finds no applicant of sufficient merit.
- 5.4. The Selection Panel's decisions are final, and no correspondence will be entered into following the communication of the Panel's decision.

6. Other Conditions

- 6.1. The recipient is expected to provide a one-page report on their academic progress by **30 November** in the year of tenure to development@waikato.ac.nz.
- 6.2. The Scholarship may be held with any other bursary, scholarship, or award, provided the regulations of the other award permit.
- 6.3. In accepting the Scholarship, the recipient will be deemed to have read, understood, and accepted the conditions of the Scholarship and the [Scholarships Policy](#).
- 6.4. Recipients should seek independent financial advice about any tax implications of their Scholarship.
- 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 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 will have the right to appeal to the Scholarships Executive against any decision to terminate the award.
- 6.6. The Scholarships Committee has the power to amend or vary these regulations, in consultation with the Donor, provided that there is no departure from the main purpose of the Scholarship.
- 6.7. By accepting a Scholarship, the recipient agrees to participate in any publicity concerning the Scholarship arranged by the University of Waikato and/or the Donor.

¹ See [Student Code of Conduct](#)