

The Māori and Pasifika Scholarship in Business was established in 2026 by the Māori & Pasifika Leadership Summit Committee. The Summit represents a collective vision of Māori and Pasifika leaders and directors committed to strengthening leadership, navigation, and decision-making across our communities. Through the sharing of kōrero and whakaaro, the Summit brings together leaders and emerging leaders to inspire future generations and support the continued advancement of Māori and Pasifika peoples.



This scholarship has been created to recognise and support Māori and Pasifika students pursuing business study at Te Whare Wānanga o Waikato | University of Waikato, and to encourage the development of future leaders who will contribute to the prosperity and wellbeing of their communities.

The funds are held by the University of Waikato Foundation, and one scholarship will be awarded annually until the fund is fully distributed.

1. Purpose

- 1.1. The purpose of this scholarship is to recognise and support Māori and Pasifika students entering the final year of a Bachelor of Business at Te Whare Wānanga o Waikato | University of Waikato. Grounded in the kaupapa of the Māori & Pasifika Leadership Summit, this scholarship is intended to uplift and enable the next generation of rangatira and Pacific leaders in business. It recognises students who demonstrate leadership, service, and a commitment to advancing the aspirations of their whānau, communities, and future generations, and who seek to contribute to the social, cultural, and economic prosperity of Māori and Pasifika peoples.

2. Eligibility and Selection Criteria

2.1. To be eligible for consideration, applicants must:

- 2.1.1. identify as having Māori or Pasifika ethnicity in the University's Student Management System. (See also clause 4.3.).
- 2.1.2. be enrolled full-time in the second year of a Bachelor of Business (BBus) at the University of Waikato and be entering into the third and final year of study in the year following application.
- 2.1.3. 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. Previous recipients of the scholarship (i.e. those who held the award in previous years) are not eligible to apply.

2.3. In selecting recipients, the Selection Panel will take into consideration.

- 2.3.1. Leadership capability and potential
- 2.3.2. Academic achievement.
- 2.3.3. Commitment to whānau, community, and service.
- 2.3.4. Personal character and contribution

2.4. To maintain eligibility recipients must:

- 2.4.1. remain enrolled full-time (120-points) in the appropriate programme of study outlined in clause 2.1.2 during the year of tenure; and
- 2.4.2. Successfully complete all papers in Trimester A to receive the second instalment.

3. Value, Tenure and Awarding

- 3.1. One scholarship will be awarded annually with a value of **\$5,000**.
- 3.2. The Scholarship will be credited directly to the recipient's tuition fees (including Student Services Fee) in two equal instalments.
 - 3.2.1. **\$2,500** will be paid after the withdrawal deadline for A Trimester, or as soon as practicable after acceptance of the award (whichever is later).
 - 3.2.2. **\$2,500** will be paid after the withdrawal deadline for B Trimester, and after confirmation that all criteria in clause 2.4 are met.
- 3.3. The scholarship will have a tenure of one year.
- 3.4. 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, and the scholarship offered to the next reserve applicant.

4. Application

- 4.1. Applications close on **15 October annually**.
- 4.2. As part of the online application process, each applicant must complete the following:
 - 4.2.1. A personal statement that outlines:
 - a. what iwi they whakapapa to OR which Pasifika ethnic group they show lineage to.
 - b. leadership aspirations and community commitment.
 - c. any financial and/or personal circumstances that may limit their ability to study.
 - d. why completing the Bachelor of Business degree is important to them, including future aspirations for their career.
 - e. details on their commitment to their wider community.
 - 4.2.2. Applicants whose enrolment details do not record their ethnicity as Māori or of a Pasifika nation must provide evidence of their whakapapa or genealogy with their application.

5. Selection Panel

- 5.1. The Selection Panel will comprise of the Scholarships Committee Representative from the Waikato Management School in the Chair, a representative from Waikato Management School (nominated by the Pro-Vice Chancellor) and at least two representatives from the Māori & Pasifika Leadership Summit Committee.
- 5.2. The Selection Panel may refrain from making a decision if it finds no candidate of sufficient merit in any year.
- 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 with any other scholarship, award, or bursary, 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. 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 Award or the University into disrepute¹, or is otherwise not complying with the conditions governing the Award and/or the regulations of the University of Waikato. The holder of an Award shall have the right to appeal to the Scholarships Executive against any decision to terminate the Award.
- 6.6. 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.
- 6.7. By accepting the Scholarship, the recipient agrees to:
 - 6.7.1. participate in any publicity concerning the Scholarship arranged by the University of Waikato and/or the Donor. This could include a university-led visit to their secondary school, or another secondary school in the region, to highlight the importance of university study.
 - 6.7.2. be contacted directly by staff of the University of Waikato and the Māori & Pasifika Leadership Summit Committee in relation to the Scholarship.
 - 6.7.3. the University of Waikato sharing their personal details regarding academic achievement in the programme of study, and ongoing eligibility and communications regarding the scholarship directly with the Māori & Pasifika Leadership Summit Committee.

¹ See [Code of Student Conduct](#).