

The Michael Baldwin Memorial Scholarship was established in 2004 in memory of Michael Baldwin, a member of staff at the University of Waikato at the time of his death in 2003. Michael had taught for several years in Papua New Guinea – at the institute currently known as the University of Goroka – before his appointment to the Centre for Foundation Studies. The Scholarship commemorates Michael's commitment to teaching and to assisting others in their educational endeavours and was made possible through the generosity of a donation by the Baldwin family. The funds are held in trust with the University of Waikato Foundation and one \$10,000 scholarship will be offered each year until 2035 when it is anticipated that the funds will be fully depleted.

1. Purpose

- 1.1. The Scholarship provides financial support for promising students who are citizens of the South Pacific Region undertaking any programme of study at the University of Waikato. It is specifically intended for those who will contribute to the future of development/society in the South Pacific Region.

2. Eligibility and Selection Criteria

- 2.1. **To be eligible for consideration**, applicants must meet all the following criteria:
 - 2.1.1. be citizens of any South Pacific nation as defined in the UN [Coastal States of the South Pacific](#), but **excluding** citizens of New Zealand and/or Australia (including anyone who holds a dual citizenship with a South Pacific nation and New Zealand/Australia). Applicants may be residing in New Zealand or offshore at the time of application.
 - 2.1.2. be either enrolled or intending to enrol in an approved full-time programme of study at the University of Waikato in the year of tenure of the Scholarship.
 - 2.1.3. show commitment to contribute to development/society of the South Pacific Region in the Future.
- 2.2. Previous recipients may apply again but must have passed all papers in the year(s) they held the scholarship.
- 2.3. Applicants who hold a Manaaki New Zealand Scholarship **are not eligible for consideration**.
- 2.4. **Selection is based on all the following criteria:**
 - 2.4.1. The applicant's current, future or prior contributions to community development/society in the South Pacific region.
 - 2.4.2. Academic merit.
 - 2.4.3. Preference may be given to applicants who:
 - a) can demonstrate a need for financial support to undertake tertiary study, and/or
 - b) are citizens of Papua New Guinea, **and/or**
 - c) are not residents or permanent residents of New Zealand or Australia.

2.5. **To maintain eligibility**, students offered the scholarship must:

2.5.1. be accepted and enrol full-time (i.e., in 120 points) in the programme indicated in the application in the year of tenure of the scholarship. Any variation in the academic programme that materially affects the qualification for which the recipient is enrolled will require the approval of a designated nominee of the Selection Panel and can be requested by submitting a Scholarship [Variation Request](#).

2.5.2. To receive the second cash instalment of the scholarship the recipient must pass all papers in their first Trimester of study.

2.6. Successful candidates are strongly encouraged to be a part of the [Imua Programme](#) during the tenure of this Scholarship.

3. Value, Awarding and Tenure

3.1. The Scholarship has a value of **\$10,000**, and will be paid as follows:

3.1.1. **\$5,000** will be paid directly to the recipient after the withdrawal date of the first Trimester of study.

3.1.2. **\$5,000** will be paid directly to the recipient after the withdrawal date of the following Trimester of study (conditional on clause 2.5.2 being maintained).

3.2. The Scholarship is not comprehensive, and overseas students studying in New Zealand will require additional funding to support their living and study costs.

3.3. 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.

3.4. The Scholarship has a tenure of one year.

4. Application

4.1. The closing date for applications is **15 November each year**.

4.2. As part of the online application process, each applicant must submit the following:

4.2.1. A Personal Statement that outlines the following:

- a) The applicant's current, future or prior contributions to community development/society in the South Pacific region.
- b) Any financial need and details of any funding sources, additional to this scholarship, available to support the candidate's travel to, and studies in, New Zealand.
- c) **Previous recipients only** need to also include a statement about the impact the scholarship has had on their academic and personal life.

4.2.2. a CV (no more than two A4 pages).

4.2.3. proof of citizenship.

4.2.4. verified copies of academic transcripts (including grading scale) from any other tertiary institution(s) attended. **Note: For previous recipients only**, the grades while on the scholarship will be supplied to the panel.

- 4.3. The applicant must also request the submission of two confidential references, one academic reference (attesting to the candidate's likely academic progress at university), and one character reference. Neither reference may be from an immediate member of their family. It is the responsibility of the candidate to ensure that all references are received on or before the closing date of this Scholarship.

5. Selection Panel

- 5.1. The Selection Panel will comprise of a representative of the Scholarships Committee nominated by the Chair as chairperson, the AVC-Pacific (or nominee) and a representative of the Baldwin Family.
- 5.2. The Selection Panel may refrain from making a recommendation if it finds no applicants 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 with any other bursary, scholarship, or award, provided the regulations of the other award allow co-tenure.
- 6.2. The Scholarship may be held as part of any student exchange agreement that may be arranged from time to time between the University of Goroka (Papua New Guinea) and the University of Waikato. However, the awarding of a Scholarship shall not be taken to imply that any such agreement does, or will, exist.
- 6.3. If a recipient is in receipt of a student allowance, another scholarship, or any type of financial assistance, it is their responsibility to check their entitlement to other income and any tax implications.
- 6.4. If, during the tenure of the Scholarship, a recipient's circumstances change in such a manner that their continued eligibility for the Scholarship may be affected, they must inform the Scholarships Committee (via scholarships@waikato.ac.nz) immediately.
- 6.5. In accepting the Scholarship, the recipient:
 - 6.5.1. will be deemed to have read, understood, and accepted the conditions of the Scholarship and the [Scholarships Policy](#).
 - 6.5.2. agrees to participate in any publicity concerning the award arranged by the University of Waikato.
 - 6.5.3. Agrees to be contacted by the staff of the University of Waikato in relation to the scholarship.
- 6.6. 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, University or funder 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.
- 6.7. The Scholarships Committee has the power to amend or vary these regulations in consultation with the donor provided there is no departure from the main purpose of the Scholarship.

¹ See [Code of Student Conduct](#).