

New Zealand Universities Award – Vietnam - 2026



THE UNIVERSITY OF
WAIKATO
Te Whare Wānanga o Waikato

The New Zealand Universities Award – Vietnam was established in 2025 to support Education New Zealand | Manapou ki te Ao priorities to strengthen relationships between New Zealand and Vietnamese agents and provides and to grow the number of high caliber students from Vietnam studying at tertiary level in New Zealand. The Scholarships are tuition fees credits paid in NZD, have a value of \$15,000. A maximum of three scholarships will be awarded each year.

Details on how to apply and the application process is provided on the [ENZ platform](#).

Any queries about your application or application process should be directed to international@waikato.ac.nz.

1. Eligibility and Selection Criteria

1.1. **To be eligible for consideration students** must meet all the following criteria:

- 1.1.1. have applied for the NZUA Scholarship through the [ENZ platform](#), and had their application forwarded to the International and Engagement Office.
- 1.1.2. be a citizen of Vietnam.
- 1.1.3. be applying to enrol full-time in an undergraduate programme¹, **as a new international student** to the University of Waikato.
- 1.1.4. have received a conditional or unconditional offer of place from the University of Waikato.
- 1.1.5. have a minimum GPA equivalency of B+ in the qualification used to gain entrance to the University of Waikato.

1.2. Applicants will be deemed **ineligible if any of the following apply**:

- 1.2.1. Currently enrolled in the University of Waikato College or any University of Waikato degree programmes.
- 1.2.2. Have paid tuition fees or applied for a visa at the time of application.
- 1.2.3. Are coming to the University of Waikato via a sponsoring body². coming to the University of Waikato on a Guaranteed Credit Arrangement³, or through a study abroad or student exchange agreement.

1.3. **Selection is based on:**

- 1.3.1. Academic merit.
- 1.3.2. Fit to the ENZ priorities outlined in the background above.

1.4. **On-going eligibility is conditional on recipients:**

¹ Unless otherwise stated, all undergraduate programmes are eligible.

² Examples of a sponsoring body are: governments, institutions and employers who fund student scholarships for study.

³ Guaranteed credit arrangements are where an institution has a formal agreement with the University of Waikato whereby a student can study part of their degree at the partner institution and credit that study towards study at the University of Waikato.

- 1.4.1. Enrolling within 12 months of the dates outlined in the Offer of Place **and** commencing a full-time programme/s of study of at least 120 points at the University of Waikato in the year(s) of tenure.
- a) The original scholarship offer is valid only within 12 months of the dates outlined in the Offer of Place unless deferral is approved.
 - b) If for any reason a recipient defers study at the University of Waikato within one calendar year from their original start date, their scholarship may also be deferred if the recipient advises scholarships@waikato.ac.nz when confirmation of the new start date has been received. If a student defers to a new date outside of one year, then their scholarship will no longer be valid, and they will need to apply again when scholarship applications are open for that new year.
- 1.4.2. Residing in New Zealand for the entire tenure of the scholarship and remaining studying full-time on campus in New Zealand.
- 1.4.3. Maintaining international student status within the University's student system during the entire tenure of the scholarship. Any change in status will result in the scholarship being fully or partly removed from the student's account. E.g., should a recipient withdraw from study after one trimester of study or , the pro-rated scholarship value will be removed.

2. Awarding, Value and Tenure

- 2.1. The scholarship value is **\$15,000** and is paid in full in the first trimester of study at the University of Waikato. The value offered is a contribution towards tuition fees only, and all remaining tuition fees and other costs must be met through other means.
- 2.2. The scholarship will be applied directly to the recipient's tuition fees for the agreed programme of study either at the time of enrolment or once their enrolment is completed.
- 2.3. Applicants forwarded by ENZ to the application forwarded to the International and Engagement Office for consideration will be advised of the result of their application (successful or unsuccessful) through their MyWaikato portal.
- 2.4. **Successful applicants will receive a scholarship offer which is valid for 14 days.** Offers must be accepted by the date indicated or the offer will lapse and no longer be valid.
- 2.5. After accepting the Scholarship Offer, recipients will receive an official scholarship offer letter to assist in any student visa application.
- 2.6. Recipients may pay the full tuition fee amount **minus** the value of the scholarship in the offer. They must provide their Scholarship Offer Letter to Immigration New Zealand in order to do so.
- 2.7. In accepting the Scholarship, the recipient will:
- 2.7.1. be deemed to have read, understood and accepted the conditions of the Scholarship, and the [Scholarships Policy](#), as well as any additional

requirements provided directly to the recipient by ENZ.

2.7.2. agrees to participate in any reasonable publicity concerning the Scholarship arranged by the University of Waikato.

2.8. The Scholarship tenure is 12 months.

3. Application

3.1. Applications must be submitted through the [ENZ platform](#) and meet all criteria outlines by ENZ.

4. Selection Panel

4.1. Applications that are forwarded to the International and Engagement Office will be ranked and recommended according to the Selection Criteria by staff of the International and Engagement Office and forwarded to the Selection Panel for consideration.

4.2. The Selection Panel will comprise the Chair of the Scholarships Committee and the Assistant Vice-Chancellor, International, Engagement and Partnerships (or their nominees).

4.3. The Selection Panel's decisions are final, and no correspondence will be entered into following each selection meeting.

5. Other Conditions

5.1. The Scholarship may **not** be held in conjunction with:

5.1.1. any other University of Waikato funded tuition fees scholarship, award, bursary or other such funding. Where a student has been offered and accepted the Vice Chancellor's International Excellence Scholarship for South-East Asia the New Zealand Universities Award – Vietnam will take precedence.

5.1.2. any other Education New Zealand scholarships or Manaaki Scholarship.

5.2. 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 scholarships@waikato.ac.nz immediately.

5.3. The Scholarships Committee may terminate a Scholarship at any time, and recoup any funds disbursed, if the holder is not following the approved programme of study, withdraws from the University during the tenure of the Scholarship, brings the Scholarship or University into disrepute⁴, or is not otherwise complying with the regulations governing the Scholarship and/or the University of Waikato. The recipient will have the right to appeal against any decision to terminate the Scholarship.

5.4. The Scholarships Committee has the power to amend or vary these regulations provided there is no departure from the main purpose of the Scholarship.

⁴ See [Student Code of Conduct](#).