

Peter Freyberg Memorial Scholarship - 2026



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The Peter Freyberg Memorial Scholarship was established in 1985 with donations from friends and colleagues of the late Emeritus Professor Peter Freyberg. Professor Freyberg was appointed as the first Chair of the Department of Education Studies at the University in 1966. He was instrumental in the merger between Hamilton Teachers' College and The University of Waikato. Peter Freyberg led a new initiative that allowed students to complete a three-year Teachers' College Diploma and move on to complete a fourth year Bachelor of Education (BEd). He was also instrumental in the establishment of the internationally regarded Science Education Research Unit.

The funds are held in trust by the University of Waikato Foundation and one Scholarship will be offered annually until 2028 when it is expected that funds will be depleted.

1. Purpose

- 1.1. The Scholarship provides financial assistance to a student undertaking doctoral research in the Division of Education in the areas of curriculum development and teacher effectiveness.

2. Eligibility and Selection Criteria

- 2.1. **To be eligible for consideration**, applicants must:

- 2.1.1. be a qualified teacher.
- 2.1.2. be enrolled part- or full-time in a Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) **or** Part 2 of the Doctor of Education (EdD) in the Division of Education at the University of Waikato.
- 2.1.3. have gained **confirmed enrolment status** (i.e., have completed the conditional enrolment period of six to nine months).
- 2.1.4. have achieved a minimum grade-point-average (GPA) of A- in the most recent 240-points of study.
- 2.1.5. be undertaking research in the areas of curriculum development and teacher effectiveness.
- 2.1.6. not have been a previous recipient of this Scholarship.

- 2.2. 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 of study at a New Zealand university.

- 2.3. **Selection is primarily based on:**

- 2.3.1. academic ability.
- 2.3.2. anticipated contribution of the research to areas of curriculum development and teacher effectiveness.
- 2.3.3. progress on thesis and/or contribution to the research area (i.e., through doctoral progress reports and/or publications, presentations etc.).

- 2.4. Preference will be given to applicants conducting research related to curriculum development and teacher effectiveness.

- 2.5. **To maintain eligibility**, recipients must during the scholarship tenure remain enrolled as outlined in clause 2.1.2.

3. Value, Tenure and Awarding

- 3.1. The scholarship will have a total value of **\$7,500** and will be paid directly to the recipient as follows:
 - 3.1.1. **\$4,000** will be paid as soon as practicable after acceptance of the Scholarship
 - 3.1.2. **\$3,500** will be paid four (4) months after the closing date of the Scholarship and only where clause 2.5 is maintained.
- 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.
 - 3.2.1.
- 3.3. 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. The closing date for applications is **1 August each year**.
- 4.2. As part of the online application process, each applicant must submit all the following:
 - 4.2.1. an outline of their (proposed) research topic.
 - 4.2.2. evidence of their teaching qualification.
 - 4.2.3. a copy of the most recent doctoral progress report.
 - 4.2.4. an official copy of any academic transcripts (including grading scale) from any other tertiary institution(s) attended, other than the University of Waikato; and
 - 4.2.5. if applicable, a copy of any publications or other academic outputs.
- 4.3. 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 to the Scholarships Committee (in the Chair), the Division of Education Associate Dean Postgraduate Research, and the Associate Dean Academic (or nominee).
- 5.2. The Selection Panel may refrain from making a recommendation if it finds no applicant 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 other award preclude this.
- 6.2. Recipients should seek independent financial advice about any tax implications of their scholarship.
- 6.3. If a recipient's circumstances change in a manner which may affect their continued eligibility for this Scholarship, they must inform scholarships@waikato.ac.nz immediately. Any change of circumstances will be assessed on a case-by-case basis.
- 6.4. Recipients are not eligible to receive Scholarship funds during periods of suspension of doctoral enrolment for any reason.

- 6.5. In accepting the Scholarship, the recipient will be deemed to have:
- 6.5.1. read, understood, and accepted the conditions of the Scholarship and the [Scholarships Policy](#).
 - 6.5.2. agreed to participate in any publicity concerning the Scholarship arranged by the University of Waikato
- 6.6. The Scholarships Committee may terminate this Scholarship at any time, and recoup any funds disbursed if the holder withdraws from the University of Waikato during the tenure of the Scholarship, brings the Scholarship, University or Sponsor into disrepute¹, or is otherwise not complying with the regulations 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 provided that there is not departure from the main purpose of the Scholarship.

¹ See [Code of Student Conduct](#).