

Te Ara Hou Scholarship was established in 2019 to support cohorts of students to undertake tertiary study at the University of Waikato. Te Ara Hou can be translated to mean ‘the new pathway’ and in 2024 provides fees scholarships for those wanting to retrain through graduate or postgraduate studies.

1. Purpose

- 1.1. To recognise the University of Waikato’s strong commitment to removing potential barriers and supporting those who are academically ready to further their tertiary education.

2. Eligibility and Selection Criteria

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

- 2.1.1. not be currently enrolled and studying at a tertiary institution.
- 2.1.2. intend to enrol full- or part-time in one of the following programmes of study at the University of Waikato starting in B Trimester:
 - a. Master of Arts (Psychology)
 - b. Master of Arts
 - c. Master of Information Technology
 - d. Master of Media and Creative Technologies
 - e. Master of Professional Writing
 - f. Master of Legal Studies
 - g. Master of Business and Management
 - h. Master of Digital Business
 - i. Masters of Environmental Planning
 - j. Master of Management in Supply Chain Management
 - k. Graduate Certificate in Business Analytics
 - l. Graduate Certificate in Project Management
 - m. Graduate Diploma in Teaching (ECE, Primary and Secondary)
 - n. Postgraduate Diploma in Teaching and Learning (Primary and Secondary)
 - o. Master of Teaching and Learning (Primary and Secondary)
- 2.1.3. be a New Zealand citizen, NZ Permanent Resident, NZ Resident Class Visa holder or Australian Citizen/Permanent Resident domiciled in NZ.

- 2.2. **Selection is based on:**

- 2.2.1. academic readiness.
- 2.2.2. future aspirations, especially those relating to the chosen programme of study.
- 2.2.3. rationale for wanting to study at the University of Waikato.

- 2.3. Preference may be given to applicants who are not currently employed.

3. To maintain eligibility, recipients must:

- 3.1.1. be accepted into and enrol in one of the programmes of study outlined in Clause 2.1.2

4. Value, Tenure and Awarding

- 4.1. Each Scholarship will have a value of **up to \$5,000** and will be applied to B trimester:
 - 4.1.1. tuition fees
 - 4.1.2. student services fees
 - 4.1.3. for the programmes of study outlined in clause 2.1.2, only.
- 4.2. The award has a tenure of one Trimester only and must be taken up in the year of award.
- 4.3. The successful applicant will be advised of the offer of the Award via their MyWaikato portal and must accept the offer by the prescribed date or the offer will lapse.
- 4.4. In accepting the Award, the recipient:
 - 4.4.1. will be deemed to have read, understood, and accepted the conditions of the Award and the [Scholarships Policy](#).
 - 4.4.2. agrees to participate in any publicity concerning the Scholarship arranged by the University of Waikato and/or the Donor.

5. Application

- 5.1. The closing date for online applications is **24 June 2024**.
- 5.2. As part of the online application process, each applicant must provide information on the following within the online application form:
 - 5.2.1. future aspirations, especially those relating to the chosen programme of study.
 - 5.2.2. rationale for wanting to study at the University of Waikato.
 - 5.2.3. any other information that may be relevant to the Selection Panel (e.g., current employment status).
- 5.3. If previous tertiary study was undertaken at a university other than the University of Waikato, applicants must also upload a copy of their academic transcript.

6. Selection Panel

- 6.1. Each academic Division or Faculty will have a separate selection panel including the Scholarships Committee Representative for the Division or Faculty as Chair and Associate Dean Academic (or nominee).
- 6.2. The number of Scholarships offered is at the discretion of the Selection Panel and will be based on criteria such as, but not limited to, total available funding, period of enrolment, financial need, strategic benefit to the University and number of points enrolled, number of applicants.
- 6.3. The Selection Panel may refrain from making any offers if it finds no applicant(s) of sufficient merit.
- 6.4. The Scholarships Committee's decisions are final, and no correspondence will be entered into following the selection meeting.

7. Other Conditions

- 7.1. The Scholarship may not be held in conjunction with any other University of Waikato scholarship or any other University of Waikato funding that includes an accommodation credit as a component. It may be held in conjunction with any other scholarship, award or prize, unless the conditions of the other award preclude this.
- 7.2. 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.
- 7.3. Through the School of Graduate Research and Student Services Division, the University monitors students' performance and reserves the right to impose further conditions where a student's conduct is unsatisfactory.
- 7.4. 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 or the University into disrepute ¹, 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.
- 7.5. The Scholarship is not refundable to the student under any circumstances.
- 7.6. By accepting the Scholarship, the recipient agrees to participate in any publicity concerning the Scholarship arranged by the University of Waikato.
- 7.7. The Scholarships Committee has the power to amend or vary these regulations, provided that there is no departure from the main purpose of the Scholarship.

¹ See [Code of Student Conduct](#).