

Te Pae Kōkako Opera Awards were created in 2022 as part of the newly established Te Pae Kōkako – The Aotearoa New Zealand Opera Studio. Te Pae Kōkako offers an intensive programme for aspiring singers and combines academic and in-situ industry training while encompassing the long-held vision and dream of Dame Malvina Major. Te Pae Kōkako enables talented opera singers to prepare in New Zealand for the international stage by providing high-level, comprehensive training and helping form international connections with opera companies and young artist programmes.



No application is required. The award is by nomination of the Dame Malvina Chair in Opera and the Convenor in Music who will send the nomination to development@waikato.ac.nz. The process of offering and awarding to a recipient will start once a scholarships advisor has received the completed nomination. Up to six awards are offered each year.

1. Eligibility and Nomination

- 1.1. **To be eligible for nomination**, students must have been accepted into, and be enrolled full-time in, MUSIC525: Advanced Opera Studies in the year listed at the top of these regulations.
- 1.2. **To maintain eligibility** and to receive all payments, recipients must:
 - 1.2.1. remain enrolled full-time (120-points) in the MUSIC525: Advanced Opera Programme during its tenure; and
 - 1.2.2. attend at least 80% of all classes in each Trimester and pass all internal assessments during that time. (attendance and passing will be confirmed by the Chair in Opera (or nominee) to scholarships@waikato.ac.nz before instalments 2 and 3 are made).

2. Value, Tenure and Awarding

- 2.1. Each Award has a value of **\$10,500**, and will be paid directly to recipients in three equal cash payments:
 - 2.1.1. **Instalment 1 (\$3,500)** - paid after the withdrawal date of A Trimester upon confirmation that the candidate is enrolled full-time in MUSIC525: Advanced Opera Studies in the year of tenure.
 - 2.1.2. **Instalment 2 (\$3,500)** - paid after the withdrawal date of B Trimester and after confirmation that the candidate has maintained eligibility as per clause 1.2.
 - 2.1.3. **Instalment 3 (\$3,500)** - paid after the withdrawal date of A Trimester in the year following award and upon confirmation that the candidate has maintained eligibility as per clause 1.2.
- 2.2. The Awards are expected to support costs associated with travel and/or auditions during the tenure of the programme that are not already covered by the Te Pae Kōkako programme.

- 2.3. The Award has a maximum tenure of eighteen (18) months (three Trimesters)¹.
- 2.4. Successful candidates will be advised of the offer of an Award via their MyWaikato portal and must accept the offer by the prescribed date or the offer will lapse.
- 2.5. In accepting the Award, the recipient will be deemed to have read, understood, and accepted the conditions of the Award and the [Scholarships Policy](#).

3. Other Conditions

- 3.1. The Award may be held together with any other scholarship, award, or prize, unless the conditions of the other award preclude this.
- 3.2. Recipients must remain enrolled full-time for the period of tenure, should a recipient withdraw from MUSIC525: Advanced Opera Studies paper the University may ask for the Award to be repaid.
- 3.3. Recipients should seek independent financial advice about any tax implications of their Scholarship.
- 3.4. The Scholarships Committee may terminate this Award at any time, and recoup any funds disbursed, if the holder withdraws from the University of Waikato, brings the Award, University or Donor into disrepute², 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.
- 3.5. The Scholarships Committee in agreement with the donor(s) has the power to amend or vary these regulations provided that there is no departure from the main purpose of the Award.
- 3.6. By accepting the Award, the recipient agrees to participate in any publicity concerning the Award arranged by the University of Waikato and/or the Donor.

¹ A period of extension of up to 16 weeks may be offered after the first twelve months if students are completing MUSIC525 concurrently with other external commitments in music. Students will not be required to pay any tuition fees for this extension and will be covered by a tuition fee's waiver.

² See [Code of Student Conduct](#)