

The Te Piringa – Faculty of Law Graduate Scholarship was established in 2011 to enable academically excellent student to undertake a Master of Laws at the University of Waikato. The scholarship is funded by Te Piringa - Faculty of Law and normally only one scholarship will be offered each year.

1. Purpose

- 1.1. The Scholarship encourages meritorious students to participate in Te Piringa – Faculty of Law Master of Laws programme.

2. Eligibility and Selection Criteria

- 2.1. **To be eligible**, applicants must meet all the following criteria:

- 2.1.1 be eligible for admission into the Master of Laws at the University of Waikato.
- 2.1.2 be enrolling part or full-time in a Master of Laws at Te Piringa - Faculty of Law at the University of Waikato in the year of tenure.

- 2.2. The Scholarship is open to NZ Citizens, NZ Permanent Residents, NZ Resident Class Visa holders or Australian Citizen/Permanent Residents domiciled in NZ, and international students. **International students must** have completed at least 120-points of study at a New Zealand university.

- 2.3. **Applicants will be deemed ineligible** where:

- 2.3.1. students are/will be eligible for a staff fees concession during the tenure of the scholarship.
- 2.3.2. applications are incomplete.

- 2.4. **Selection is based on** all the following:

- 2.4.1. academic merit - based on the applicant's most recent 240-points of study (i.e., the equivalent of two full years' full-time enrolment).
- 2.4.2. personal and financial circumstances may also be considered.

- 2.5. **To maintain eligibility** recipients must during the year of tenure enrol and remain enrolled as outlined in Clause 2.1.2.

3. Value, Tenure and Awarding

- 3.1. The scholarship value is **up to \$5,000** and will be applied towards the tuition fees only, upon confirmation that the candidate is enrolled in the approved programme of study (see clause 2.1.2).
 - 3.1.1. if the Selection Panel agrees that multiple applicants are of sufficient merit, they may recommend that the scholarship value is divided among multiple recipients,

with the amount offered to each at their discretion. The amount may be based on criteria such as, but not limited to, total available funding, period of enrolment, grades, financial need, number of credits enrolled, number of applicants.

- 3.1.2. should a recipient hold another fees scholarship, Te Piringa - Faculty of Law Graduate Scholarship will pay the balance of any tuition fees (up to the value awarded) and the recipient will forgo any unused balance.
- 3.2. The offer of a scholarship must be accepted by the date indicated in the offer. If an applicant declines a scholarship, or does not take it up, the scholarship may be offered to another applicant.
- 3.3. In accepting the scholarship, the recipient will be deemed to have:
 - 3.3.1. read, understood, and accepted the conditions of the Scholarship and the [Scholarships Policy](#).
 - 3.3.2. agreed to be contacted directly by university staff in relation to the scholarship.
 - 3.3.3. agreed to participate in any publicity concerning the scholarship arranged by the University of Waikato.
- 3.4. The tenure of the Scholarship is one calendar year (i.e. January to December inclusive).

4. Application

- 4.1. The closing date for online applications is **31 October each year**.
- 4.2. As part of the online application process, each applicant must provide information on the following:
 - 4.2.1. motivation for enrolling in a Masters degree.
 - 4.2.2. financial circumstances that may affect, or have affected, study.
- 4.3. Each applicant must also request the submission of an academic reference.

5. Selection Panel

- 5.1. The Selection Panel will comprise of the Scholarships Committee Representative from the Division of Arts, Law and Social Sciences (in the Chair), the Dean of Law (or their nominee), and the Te Piringa – Faculty of Law representative on the ALPSS Postgraduate Committee.
- 5.2. The Selection Panel may refrain from making a recommendation if it finds no candidate 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 other scholarship, award, prize or student allowance, 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. 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, University or Faculty of Law 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.
- 6.4. 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](#)