



Te Pua Wānanga ki te Ao - Faculty of Māori and Indigenous Studies Undergraduate Excellence Awards were established in 2001 to support undergraduate students in their third or final year studying within the Faculty, who achieve well academically and demonstrate good character, particularly through their cultural/academic and community involvement. The Awards are funded by the Faculty and the number on offer each year is determined by available funding.

1. Eligibility and Selection Criteria

1.1. To be eligible, applicants must:

- 1.1.1. be enrolled full-time (a full-time academic year comprises of 120 points) in their third or final year of an undergraduate degree within Te Pua Wānanga ki te Ao - Faculty of Māori and Indigenous Studies in the year of application.
- 1.1.2. a minimum Grade Point Average (GPA) of B+ is expected.
- 1.1.3. be a New Zealand citizen or permanent resident.

1.2. Applicants enrolled in a conjoint or concurrent degree programme within Te Pua Wānanga ki te Ao - Faculty of Māori and Indigenous Studies will be considered, but if successful will receive half the full Award value.

1.3. Past recipients may apply.

1.4. Selection is based on:

- 1.4.1. academic merit; and,
- 1.4.2. demonstration of good character, through academic, cultural and community involvement.

1.5. Financial need may also be taken into consideration.

1.6. To maintain eligibility, recipients must:

- 1.6.1. Remain enrolled during the tenure of the Award, preferably full-time.

2. Value and Awarding

2.1. Each award is **\$1,000** and will be paid directly into the recipient's bank account following the withdrawal date of B Trimester in the year of tenure.

2.2. Successful applicants will be advised of the offer of their Award via their MyWaikato portal and must accept the offer by the prescribed date or the offer will lapse.

2.3. In accepting the Award, the recipient will be deemed to have read, understood, and accepted the conditions of the Award and the [Scholarships Policy](#).

2.4. The Award will have a maximum tenure of one year and must be taken up in the year for which it is offered.

2.5. The recipient may be asked to attend a presentation ceremony.

3. Application

3.1. The closing date for applications is **15 July each year**.

3.2. As part of the online application process, applicants must provide information on the following:

3.2.1. Previous academic achievements;

3.2.2. Outline of study intentions (for the year of application and beyond); and,

3.2.3. Suitability for the Award (focusing on the Award's criteria, including contribution to the academic, cultural and community life of the University of Waikato.

3.2.4. Outline of financial circumstances

3.2.5. Each candidate must also request the submission of two references:

- An Academic reference;
- A character reference who must not be a member of the immediate applicant's family.

4. Selection Panel

4.1. The Selection Panel will comprise the University's Scholarships Committee representative for the Faculty (in the Chair), Te Pua Wānanga ki te Ao - Faculty of Māori and Indigenous Studies Dean (or nominee), the Associate Dean (Postgraduate) (or nominee), and a nominee of the Faculty Operations Manager.

4.2. The Selection Panel may refrain from making a recommendation if it finds no applicant of sufficient merit.

4.3. The Selection Panel's decision is final and no correspondence will be entered into following the selection meeting.

5. Other Conditions

5.1. The Award may not be held concurrently with any other scholarships or awards funded by Te Pua Wānanga ki te Ao - Faculty of Māori and Indigenous Studies.

5.2. The Award may be held together with any other scholarships or awards unless the conditions of the other award preclude this.

5.3. The Scholarships Committee may terminate this Award at any time, and recoup any funds disbursed, if the holder withdraws from the University of Waikato during the tenure of the

Award, brings the University into disrepute¹, or is otherwise not complying with the regulations governing the Award. The holder of an Award will have the right to appeal to the Scholarships Executive against any decision to terminate the Award.

- 5.4. If a recipient is in receipt of a student allowance, another scholarship or award, or any type of financial assistance, it is their responsibility to check their entitlement to other income and any tax implications.
- 5.5. The Scholarships Committee has the power to amend or vary these regulations provided that there is no departure from the main purpose of the Award.
- 5.6. By accepting an Award, the recipient agrees to participate in any publicity concerning the Award arranged by the University of Waikato.

¹ See [Code of Student Conduct](#).