

The Psychology Centre Scholarship in Clinical Practice was established in 2025 through a generous donation from The Waikato Clinical Psychology Education Trust on winding-up of the trust in late 2024. The Trust oversaw the operations of The Psychology Centre (TPC). The Psychology Centre aims to establish a model of best-practice service for providing psychological assessment and treatment, and formally joined the University of Waikato in 2024, after more than 20 years of providing education and “on-site” training in clinical psychology for students studying the [Postgraduate Diploma in Psychology \(Clinical\)](#).



The funds are held in trust with the University of Waikato Foundation and will be offered until such time as the funds are fully depleted (anticipated for 2043).

1. Purpose

- 1.1. The Scholarship provides financial support for academically able clinical psychology students with financial need.

2. Eligibility and Selection Criteria:

2.1. To be eligible, applicants must:

- 2.1.1 be enrolled in the first or second year of a Postgraduate Diploma of Psychology (Clinical) at the University of Waikato.
- 2.1.2 have achieved at least a B grade-point-average (GPA) in their most recent 120 points of study, and for second-year applicants, have also maintained at least a B GPA across their first-year Postgraduate Diploma of Psychology (Clinical) papers.
- 2.1.3 be eligible for domestic fees status (i.e., be a NZ Citizen, NZ Permanent Resident, NZ Resident Class Visa holder, or Australian Citizen/Permanent Resident domiciled in NZ).
- 2.1.4 not have previously received this scholarship (i.e., previous recipients are not eligible for consideration).

2.2. Selection will be based on:

- 2.2.1 academic merit.
- 2.2.2 why the applicant has chosen to study clinical psychology.
- 2.2.3 aspirations for a future career in clinical psychology post-graduation.
- 2.2.4 financial hardship and extraordinary personal circumstances.

2.3. Preference will be given to:

- 2.3.1. students studying in the second year of their Postgraduate Diploma of Psychology (Clinical).
- 2.3.2. students not in receipt of other scholarship funding.

2.4. To maintain eligibility and receive payments recipients must, in the year of tenure:

- 2.4.1. remain enrolled full-time (120 points) in the Postgraduate Diploma of Psychology (Clinical).

3. Value, Tenure and Awarding:

- 3.1. A total pool of funding of \$15,000 will be available in each year, with a minimum value to any one individual of \$4,000. The value awarded to each recipient will be at the discretion of the Selection Panel. The Scholarship will be paid out as follows, as long as clause 2.4 is maintained:
 - 3.1.1 50% of the Scholarship will be paid in cash directly to the recipient as soon as practicable after acceptance of the Scholarship.
 - 3.1.2 50% of the Scholarship will be paid in cash directly to the recipient after the withdrawal date of B Trimester.
- 3.2. The Scholarship has a tenure of one year.
- 3.3. 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.

4. Application

- 4.1. The closing date for online applications is **15 April each year**.
- 4.2. As part of the online application process, each applicant must provide brief information on the following within the online form (max 200 words per question):
 - 3.3.1 why completing their degree is important to the applicant and their future ambitions.
 - 3.3.2 any relevant financial or personal circumstances.
 - 3.3.3 any other scholarships held in the year of application.
 - 3.3.4 if previous tertiary study was undertaken at a university other than the University of Waikato, applicants must outline completed study and upload a copy of their academic transcript(s).
 - 3.3.5 any other information that may be of relevance to the Selection Panel.

5. Selection Panel

- 5.1. The Selection Panel will comprise of the Divisional Scholarships Committee Representative from the Division of Arts, Law, Psychology and Social Sciences, the Director of The Psychology Centre the Director of the Clinical Psychology Programme may include an additional external member who is a practising clinical psychologist from the community, nominated jointly by the Director of The Psychology Centre and the Director of the Clinical Psychology Programme.
- 5.2. The Selection Panel may refrain from offering a scholarship if it finds no applicant of sufficient merit.
- 5.3. The Selection Panel's decisions are final, and no further correspondence will be entered into following the selection meeting.

6. Other Conditions

- 6.1. The Scholarship may be held in conjunction with any other Scholarship, Award or Prize, unless the conditions of the other award preclude this.
- 6.2. 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.
- 6.3. In accepting the Scholarship, the recipient will be deemed to have:
 - 6.3.1. read, understood, and accepted the conditions of the Scholarship, and the [Scholarships Policy](#).
 - 6.3.2. agreed to participate in any publicity concerning the Scholarship arranged by the University of Waikato and/or the Donor.
- 6.4. Through the School of Graduate Research, the University monitors recipients' performance and reserves the right to impose further conditions where a recipient's performance is unsatisfactory.
- 6.5. 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 Donor into disrepute¹, or is otherwise not complying with the regulations governing the Scholarship and/or the University of Waikato. The holder of a Scholarship will have the right to appeal to the Scholarships Executive against any decision to terminate the award.
- 6.6. The Scholarships Committee, in consultation with the donor, 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](#).