

Tū Ātea Scholarship for Māori Engineering Students – 2026



The Tū Ātea Scholarship for Māori Engineering Students was established in 2025 by Tū Ātea Limited to encourage promising electronics & electrical engineers with a sense of purpose into a career, while growing the number of Māori students into the professional tiers and into industry leadership positions. The funds are held by the University of Waikato Foundation and is agreed upon annually. Up to two scholarships will be awarded annually, and the selection process includes an interview.

1. Purpose

- 1.1. The scholarship offers financial assistance, telecommunications industry connections, and membership into the Future Māori Leaders programme to Māori undergraduate Electrical and Electronic Engineering, Computer Engineering, Mechatronics or Computer Science and Software Engineering students at Te Whare Wānanga o Waikato | University of Waikato.

2. Eligibility and Selection Criteria

- 2.1. **To be eligible for consideration, applicants must** meet all the following criteria:
 - 2.1.1. identify as Māori in the Student Management System and be able to provide their Whakapapa.
 - 2.1.2. In the year of tenure, be enrolled (full- or part-time) at the University of Waikato in either year 3 or year 4 of a BE(Hons) specialising in electrical and electronic engineering, computer engineering, mechatronics or computer science and Software Engineering.
 - 2.1.3. not be a past recipient of the scholarship.
- 2.2. **Selection for the shortlist will be based on** the following criteria:
 - 2.2.1. Academic achievement.
 - 2.2.2. Character and leadership potential.
 - 2.2.3. Aspiration to make a difference to the world.
 - 2.2.4. Preference will be given to Year Four students.
- 2.3. **Final selection for award** will be based on the outcomes of the student's interview, including their ability to effectively communicate, demonstrate insight, and clearly articulate their motivation for study.
- 2.4. **To maintain eligibility** recipients must during the scholarship tenure:
 - 2.4.1. remain enrolled in the programme of study outlined in clause 2.1.2.
 - 2.4.2. to receive the second payment, pass all papers in Trimester A.
 - 2.4.3. maintain satisfactory engagement with the Tū Ātea Future Māori Leaders programme.

3. Value, Tenure and Awarding

- 3.1. The scholarship value is **\$5,000** and will be paid directly to the recipient(s) as follows:
 - 3.1.1. **\$2,500** will be paid after the withdrawal deadline for A Trimester, or as soon as practicable after acceptance of the award (whichever is later).
 - 3.1.2. **\$2,500** will be paid after the withdrawal deadline for B Trimester, and after confirmation that all criteria in clause 2.4 are met.
- 3.2. **Non-financial benefits** of being a scholarship recipient include:
 - 3.2.1. networking and conference opportunities within the telecommunications industry.
 - 3.2.2. membership in the Tū Ātea Future Māori Leaders Programme.
- 3.3. The scholarship has a tenure of one year.
- 3.4. Recipients 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.
- 3.5. **In accepting the Award, the recipient will be deemed to have:**
 - 3.5.1. read, understood, and accepted the conditions of the Scholarship and the [Scholarships Policy](#).
 - 3.5.2. agreed to participate in any publicity concerning the Award arranged by the University of Waikato and/or Tū Ātea.
 - 3.5.3. agreed to engage in the Tū Ātea Future Māori Leaders programme.
 - 3.5.4. agreed to be contacted directly by staff of the University of Waikato and Tū Ātea in relation to the scholarship
 - 3.5.5. agreed that the University of Waikato may share their personal details regarding academic achievement in the programme of study, and ongoing eligibility and communications regarding the scholarship directly with staff of Tū Ātea.

4. Application

- 4.1. The closing date for online applications is **31 March annually**.
- 4.2. As part of the online application process, each applicant must provide information on the following within the online application form:
 - 4.2.1. What iwi they whakapapa to.
 - 4.2.2. Why completing their degree is important to them, including future aspirations for their career and to make a difference in the world.
 - 4.2.3. leadership roles in and outside school, including participation in groups, organisations and/or communities.

5. Selection Panel

- 5.1. Applicants will be shortlisted by the selection panel and asked to attend an interview by staff from Tū Ātea.
- 5.2. The Selection Panel will normally comprise representatives from Tū Ātea, and staff from the School of Computing and Mathematical Sciences from the University of Waikato invited by Tū Ātea.
- 5.3. The Selection Panel may refrain from making a decision if it finds no candidate of sufficient merit in any year.
- 5.4. 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 with any other scholarship, award, or bursary, unless the conditions of the other award preclude this.
- 6.2. If a recipient is in receipt of a student allowance, another Award, or any type of financial assistance, it is their responsibility to check their entitlement to other income and any tax implications.
- 6.3. 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.
- 6.4. 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 or the University into disrepute¹, 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.
- 6.5. Tū Ātea has the power to amend or vary these regulations at any time, provided that there is no departure from the main purpose of the scholarship.

¹ See [Code of Student Conduct](#).