

The Tupu Rangatahi Tupu Ahuwhenua Scholarship was established in 2024 through a partnership between Te Raupapa | Waikato Management School and the New Zealand Institute of Primary Industry Management. The partnership aims to support Māori agribusinesses and their primary sector assets and aspirations, through a specialised Māori Agribusiness Programme. The Māori food and fibre sector is integral to the economic, cultural, and environmental prosperity of Aotearoa New Zealand. Māori agriculture, forestry and fishing assets are worth over \$23 billion and contribute over \$2.4 billion to Aotearoa's Gross Domestic Product. The scholarship provides financial support for students and is co-funded by Te Raupapa | Waikato Management School and [their partners](#). At least three scholarships will be offered each year until funds are used (likely by 2027).

1. Purpose

- 1.1. The Scholarship provides financial support to students studying a Bachelor of Business with a major in Agribusiness.

2. Eligibility and Selection Criteria

- 2.1. **To be eligible for consideration**, applicants must:
 - 2.1.1 be under 25 years of age.
 - 2.1.2 have studied at least one year at NCEA Level 1, 2 and/or 3 (or equivalent) at a secondary school in New Zealand.
 - 2.1.3 be intending to enrol full-time (a full-time academic year comprises [120 points](#)) in a Bachelor of Business with a major in Agribusiness in the year of tenure.
 - 2.1.4 be a New Zealand citizen, NZ Permanent Resident, NZ Resident Class Visa holder or Australian Citizen/Permanent Resident domiciled in NZ.
- 2.2. Previous recipients may reapply but must have achieved at least a B average in the past 120 points of study.
- 2.3. **Selection is based on:**
 - 2.2.5 future aspirations and motivation to succeed at university.
 - 2.2.6 connections to, and aspirations for, whenua Māori.
 - 2.2.7 academic achievements.
 - 2.2.8 community contributions.
- 2.4. Preference will be given to students who are:
 - 2.2.9 of Māori descent and/or who can show strong involvement in Māori communities.
 - 2.2.10 are new-to-study at the University of Waikato.
- 2.5. **To maintain eligibility**, recipients must:
 - 2.5.1 enrol full-time in a Bachelor of Business with a major in Agribusiness in the year of tenure.
 - 2.5.2 to receive the second instalment, pass all papers taken in A Trimester.

3. Value, Tenure and Awarding

- 3.1. The Scholarship has a value of **between \$3,000 and \$6,000**, with the value at the discretion of the selection panel. The value will be based primarily on other funding received, and where a recipient is in receipt of a University of Waikato funded scholarship for school leavers the maximum value that can be received will be \$3,000.
- 3.2. The scholarship will be paid in two equal instalments after the withdrawal periods for A and B Trimester, with the second payment contingent on the recipient meeting clause 2.5.
- 3.3. Successful applicants 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, and the scholarship offered to the next reserve candidate.
- 3.4. In accepting the Scholarship, the recipient will be deemed to have:
 - 2.3.1 read, understood, and accepted the conditions of the Scholarship and the [Scholarships Policy](#).
 - 2.3.2 participate in any publicity concerning the Scholarship arranged by the University of Waikato.

4. Application

- 4.1. The closing date for online applications is **15 September each year**.
- 4.2. As part of the online application process, each applicant must complete the online personal statement form that outlines:
 - 4.2.1. future aspirations and motivation to succeed at university.
 - 4.2.2. connections to, and aspirations for, whenua Māori.
 - 4.2.3. academic achievements.
 - 4.2.4. community contributions.
- 4.3. In applying the applicant agrees that the University of Waikato can:
 - 4.3.1. access the applicants' NCEA School Results directly from NZQA.
 - 4.3.2. seek an academic reference from their high school if they have studied at high school in the past 2 years.

5. Selection Panel

- 5.1. The Selection Panel will comprise the Scholarships Committee Divisional Representative from Waikato Management School (in the Chair), a member of staff involved in teaching Agribusiness nominated by the Chair, and one member of the New Zealand Institute of Primary Industry Management nominated by its Chief Executive.
- 5.2. The Selection Panel's decisions are final, and no correspondence will be entered into following the selection meeting.
- 5.3. The Selection Panel may refrain from making a recommendation in any year if it finds no applicant of sufficient merit.

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. Recipients should seek independent financial advice about any tax implications of their Scholarship.
- 6.3. Recipients must remain enrolled full-time for the period of tenure. Should a recipient withdraw from any papers, without adding sufficient papers to maintain an overall enrolment in a minimum of 120-points for the academic year, the University may ask for the Scholarship to be repaid.
- 6.4. 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 Sponsor into disrepute¹, or is otherwise not complying with the regulations 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 award.
- 6.5. The Scholarships Committee has the power to amend or vary these regulations, provided that there is no departure from the main purpose of the Scholarship.

¹ See [Code of Student Conduct](#).