



The University of Waikato GEMS Scholarship was established in 2018, to promote educational opportunities, foster internationalisation and support talented international students of the GEMS Education Network in the opportunity to study at undergraduate level for the first time at the University of Waikato.

Up to three scholarships with a value of up to NZD\$10,000 each will be awarded annually to successful applicants from any of the GEMS Education Network schools (www.gemseducation.com) who demonstrate excellent academic achievement, and the potential to become global ambassadors for the University.

No application is required. The Scholarship is by nomination of the Regional Manager – International Office who will check that the nominated recipient meets the eligibility criteria below, and will then seek agreement from the Director – International before sending the nomination form to scholarships@waikato.ac.nz. The process of offering and awarding the Scholarship to a recipient will start once a scholarships advisor has received the completed nomination. Prior to offer, the scholarships advisor will check that sufficient funds remain in the account, and seek approval for the award from the Chair of the Scholarships Committee.

1. Eligibility and nomination

1.1. To be eligible for nomination, nominees must:

- 1.1.1. be a current student of a school of the GEMS Education Network OR have graduated from a GEMS school within the last 12 months;
- 1.1.2. **not currently be enrolled at the University of Waikato;**
- 1.1.3. not have paid fees at the time the nomination is received;
- 1.1.4. be applying to enrol for the first time in an undergraduate level programme at the University of Waikato;
- 1.1.5. not be classified as a domestic student;
- 1.1.6. have met the University of Waikato's [English language requirements](#) for admission;
- 1.1.7. have received a conditional or unconditional Offer of Place from the University of Waikato;

1.2. To maintain eligibility, recipients must:

- 1.2.1. in the year of tenure, be commencing a full-time programme/s of study;
- 1.2.2. be residing in New Zealand for the tenure of the scholarship;

- 1.2.3. not be coming to the University of Waikato via a sponsoring body¹;
- 1.2.4. not be coming to the University of Waikato on a Guaranteed Credit Arrangement², or through a study abroad or student exchange agreement.

2. Value, Tenure and Awarding

- 2.1. The Scholarship will have a value **up to NZD\$10,000** and will be determined by the nominator at the time of nomination. The amount offered will be based on criteria such as, but not limited to, total available funding, grades, financial need, number of credits enrolled, number of applicants, period of enrolment and chosen degree programme
- 2.2. The nominated amount will be applied directly to the recipient's tuition fees for their chosen programme/s of study once their enrolment is completed.
 - 2.2.1. Recipients commencing in A Trimester (February/March of each year) are able to enrol for the duration of the calendar year and will have the full amount of the Scholarship credited to their tuition fees.
 - 2.2.2. Recipients commencing in B Trimester (July) or C Trimester (November) are only able to enrol for the remainder of the calendar year (July – December) and will have half the amount of the Scholarship credited to their tuition fees. Once they have enrolled in A Trimester of the following year, the remainder of the Scholarship will be paid to their tuition fees.
- 2.3. The tenure is one year (two trimesters) and the Scholarship is valid only within the year for which it is awarded.
- 2.4. **Successful applicants will receive a scholarship offer through their MyWaikato portal which is valid for two weeks.** Students must confirm their acceptance of the Scholarship by the due date after which time the offer of Scholarship will lapse and no longer be valid.
- 2.5. After acceptance of the Scholarship recipients will receive an official scholarship letter as confirmation. This letter may be included with their student visa application.
- 2.6. In accepting the Scholarship, the recipient will be deemed to have read, understood, and accepted the conditions of the Scholarship and the [Scholarships Policy](#).

¹ Examples of a sponsoring body are: governments, institutions and employers who fund student scholarships for study.

² Guaranteed credit arrangements are where an institution outside of New Zealand has a formal agreement with the University of Waikato whereby a student can study part of their degree at the partner institution and credit that study towards 1 – 2 years of study at the University of Waikato.

2.7. The Scholarship must be taken up in the year for which it is offered. If for any reason a recipient is unable to take up their offer of the scholarship in the semester for which it is offered, they may request a deferral of their scholarship. This request must be made through the scholarship variation request form [here](#).

2.7.1. Only one deferral is possible, and will only be considered if the trimester requested is within the same year for which the scholarship was offered.

3. Other Conditions

3.1. The Scholarship cannot be held in conjunction with any other University of Waikato funded tuition or accommodation fees scholarship or award, nor can it be held in conjunction with any Education New Zealand scholarships.

3.2. This Scholarship is not refundable to the student.

3.3. 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.

3.4. 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 or the University into disrepute³, 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.

3.5. The recipient will have the right to appeal against any decision to terminate a Scholarship by writing to scholarships@waikato.ac.nz who will forward the appeal to the relevant Committee for consideration.

3.6. In accepting the Scholarship, the student will be deemed to have read, understood and accepted the regulations of this Scholarship and any additional conditions.

3.7. Recipients of this Scholarship agree to participate, if required, in any promotional activity and events organised by the University of Waikato during the tenure of the Scholarship.

3.8. 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.

³See [Code of Student Conduct](#).