

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 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 award is by nomination of International and Engagement Office recruitment managers who will check that the nominated recipient meets the eligibility criteria below, and will then seek agreement from the Assistant Vice Chancellor– International, Engagement and Partnerships or Deputy Director – International before sending the nomination form to scholarships@waikato.ac.nz. The process of offering and awarding 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 student of a school of the GEMS Education Network.
- 1.1.2. not be classified as a domestic student.
- 1.1.3. **not currently be enrolled at the University of Waikato.**
- 1.1.4. not have paid tuition fees or applied for a visa at the time the nomination is received.
- 1.1.5. be applying to enrol for the **first time** in an undergraduate level programme at the University of Waikato.
- 1.1.6. have met the University of Waikato's [English language requirements](#) for admission.
- 1.1.7. have received an unconditional Offer of Place from the University of Waikato.

1.2. To maintain eligibility, recipients must:

- 1.2.1. in the year of tenure commence a full-time programme/s of study in an eligible degree programme.
- 1.2.2. reside in New Zealand for the entire tenure of the scholarship and remain studying full-time on campus in New Zealand.

- 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.
- 1.2.5. Maintain international student status within the University's student system during the entire tenure of the scholarship. Any change in status will result in the scholarship being fully or partly removed from the student's account. For example: should a recipient withdraw from study after one trimester of study or move to domestic fees-paying status, the pro-rated scholarship value will be removed.

2. Value, Tenure and Awarding

- 2.1. The Scholarship has 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 in the first trimester of study once their enrolment is completed. The total value offered is a contribution towards tuition fees and other costs must be met through other means.
- 2.3. The scholarship tenure is two trimesters of full-time study.
- 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 of the acceptance of the Scholarship. This letter may be included with their student visa application.
- 2.6. In accepting the Scholarship, the recipient will be deemed to have:
 - 2.6.1. 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.

- 2.6.2. agreed to participate, if required, in any promotional activity and events organised by the University of Waikato during the tenure of the Scholarship.
- 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 Trimester for which it is offered, they must contact the recruitment manager who they were nominated by to advise them of their circumstances. Where the recruitment manager and International and Engagement Office see fit, they will submit another nomination for the recipient for the relevant intake.
- 2.8. Only one re-nomination is possible and will be considered on a case-by-case basis.

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 or a New Zealand Government funded scholarship.
- 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 Scholarships Executive.
- 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. 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](#).