University of Waikato Re-Vision Scholarship (Tauranga Campus) – 2027

The University of Waikato Re-Vision Scholarship (Tauranga Campus) recognises the importance of contributions made by adult learners to the University of Waikato community. The Scholarship was launched in 2018 to support those who have entered the workforce, taken time off study for personal reasons, and/or did not anticipate the opportunity to attend a local university in Tauranga. The number awarded each year varies and is dependent on total funding available.

1. Purpose

1.1. The scholarship was established to assist adult students to gain access to learning opportunities at the University of Waikato Tauranga Campus.

2. Eligibility and Selection Criteria

2.1. **To be eligible** applicants must meet all following criteria:

2.1.1 be at least 21 years old.

2.1.2 be enrolled or intending to enrol full or part-time in an undergraduate degree, with at least 75% of papers taken in Tauranga during the year of tenure. This includes pathway Diplomas leading into an undergraduate degree at the University of Waikato in Tauranga (flexibility may be extended on a case-by-case basis). For clarity, one-year programmes, such as one-year Diplomas are not eligible.

2.1.3 not have tuition fees paid by any other means during the year of Scholarship tenure.

2.1.4 not be currently enrolled at a tertiary education organisation in New Zealand or overseas, nor have been enrolled in a tertiary education organisation in the past two calendar years.

2.1.5 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).

2.2. Applicants may already hold a degree or partial-degree.

2.3. In **selecting recipients,** the Selection Panel will consider all the following:

2.3.1 future aspirations and motivation to succeed at university.

2.3.2 the applicant's chosen course of study.

2.4. To **maintain eligibility** during the scholarship tenure recipients must:

2.4.1 be accepted into an undergraduate programme of study at the University of Waikato.

2.4.2 have at least 75% of papers taken at the Tauranga Campus.

2.4.3 remain studying full or part-time.

3. Value, Tenure and Awarding

3.1. Scholarships value is **$7,000** for full-time enrolment (120-points) or pro-rata for those studying part-time set at $875 per 15 points of enrolment, and will be credited towards the recipient's University of Waikato tuition fees only.

3.2. The scholarship offer must be accepted by the date indicated in the offer, or the offer will lapse.

3.3. In accepting the scholarship, the recipient will be deemed to have:

3.3.1 read, understood, and accepted the conditions of the Scholarship and the Scholarships Policy.

3.3.2 agreed to participate in any publicity concerning the Scholarship arranged by the University of Waikato.

3.4. The Scholarship has a tenure of one year and must be taken up in the year for which it is awarded.

4. Application

4.1. The closing date for online applications is **1 February each year.**

4.2. As part of the online application process, each applicant must provide information on the following:

4.2.1. future aspirations and motivation to succeed at University.

4.2.2. why the course of study and, in particular, study at the University of Waikato Tauranga Campus will enhance their lifetime opportunities and/or their community.

4.2.3. any previous academic achievements (e.g., copies of academic transcripts; NCEA school results etc.).

4.2.4. a CV (no more than two A4 pages).

4.3. Each applicant must also request the submission of a character reference. The character reference may be provided by a previous or current employer, or someone you have worked closely in an educational, voluntary or professional capacity. The reference may not be from an immediate member of family (e.g., not a parent, legal guardian, sibling, aunt, uncle, first-cousin or grandparent).

5. Selection Panel

5.1. The Selection Panel will comprise of the Tauranga representative of the Scholarships Committee as chairperson, an academic staff member based at Tauranga Campus and a staff member representative based at the Tauranga Campus, both nominated by the Chair of the Scholarships Committee.

5.2. The Selection Panel may refrain from making a recommendation if it finds no candidate of sufficient merit.

5.3. The Selection Panel's decision is final, and no correspondence will be entered into following the selection meeting.

6. Other Conditions

6.1. The Scholarship may not be held in conjunction with any other University of Waikato scholarship or any other University of Waikato funding that includes a tuition fees credit. It may be held in conjunction with any other scholarship, award or prize, unless the conditions of the other award preclude this.

6.2. The Scholarship is not refundable to the student under any circumstances, although (in the case of fees-payments) a student who withdraws from the University may (under the provisions of the Fees Regulations) apply for a refund of tuition fees paid that were not covered by a Scholarship.

6.3. Recipients should seek independent financial advice about any tax implications of their scholarship.

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 disrepute[1], 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.

6.5. The Scholarship 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