

The Wilf and Ruth Malcolm Doctoral Scholarship (formerly the Ruth and Wilf Malcolm Postgraduate Scholarship from 1996 to 2003, and the Wilf and Ruth Malcom Postgraduate Scholarship from 2003 to 2019) was established in 1996. The Scholarship fund was established from public donations to mark the retirement of Professor Wilf Malcolm as Vice-Chancellor of the University of Waikato on 30 June 1994, and expected to support the most meritorious doctoral scholarship recipients each year. No application is required. The Scholarship is by nomination and is offered annually.

1. Purpose

- 1.1. The fund is intended to provide substantial support for doctoral scholars enrolled or enrolling in a programme of study supported by a contestable University of Waikato funded doctoral scholarship.

2. Eligibility, Nomination and Selection Criteria

- 2.1. **To be eligible**, nominees must have been awarded and accepted one of the following University of Waikato doctoral scholarships in the preceding year:
 - 2.1.1. University of Waikato Doctoral Scholarship.
 - 2.1.2. University of Waikato Māori Doctoral Scholarship.
 - 2.1.3. University of Waikato Doctoral Scholarship for Pacific Peoples.
- 2.2. Nominees awarded reduced-tenure doctoral scholarships are also eligible for consideration.
- 2.3. **Nomination** process:
 - 2.3.1. In the year of award, all scholars who meet clause 2.1 will be ranked by their Division/Faculty/School.
 - 2.3.2. The list of ranked nominees will be put forward for consideration by the Scholarships Executive, on behalf of Academic Board.
 - 2.3.3. The Scholarships Executive may refrain from making a recommendation if it finds no candidate of sufficient merit.
 - 2.3.4. The Scholarships Executive's decision is final and no correspondence will be entered into following the selection meeting.
- 2.4. **Selection of recipients is** based on their excellence, and includes:
 - 2.4.1. Highest GPA (i.e., Academic Achievement in previous research study with a GPA average of A+ expected).
 - 2.4.2. Research expertise of the applicant (e.g., publications),
 - 2.4.3. Where one or more applicants are equally meritorious, then strategic priorities of scholars will be considered, including knowledge of Mātauranga Māori and/or Pacific knowledges.
 - 2.4.4. Not included in selection considerations are academic supervisor or financial need.

2.5. **Ongoing eligibility** is based on the recipient:

- 2.5.1. Meeting all eligibility criteria outlined in their scholarship awarded under clause 2.1.
- 2.5.2. Attending a relevant conference in years 2 and 3 of study.
- 2.5.3. Providing a maximum 1-page report in early November each year of tenure to scholarships@waikato.ac.nz, written for the Scholarships Executive on progress on the thesis, including publications, conferences attended, and other relevant research outputs.

3. Value, Tenure & Awarding

- 3.1. The Scholarship will comprise **\$4,000** annual living allowance on top of the scholarship awarded under 2.1, paid in monthly instalments.
- 3.2. The total tenure of the Scholarship is 36 months (three years) of full-time doctoral enrolment (or equivalent for part-time study), with payments aligned to the scholarship awarded under Clause 2.1.
- 3.3. Where not already enrolled, the accepted Scholarship will remain valid for a maximum of 3 months, after which the scholarship will lapse.
- 3.4. In accepting the Scholarship, the recipient will:
 - 3.4.1. be deemed to have read, understood, and accepted these regulations, as well as the associated terms and conditions of the Scholarship, and the [Scholarships Policy](#).
 - 3.4.2. agree to participate in any publicity concerning the Scholarship arranged by the University of Waikato.
- 3.5. Provision for application of a **3-month extension** is allowed where recipients have met all ongoing eligibility criteria in clause 2.4. **Applications for extension must be:**
 - 3.5.1. received between 6 and 3 months prior to the end of the scholarship awarded under 2.1.
 - 3.5.2. submitted on the [application form](#).

4. Other Conditions

- 4.1. If a recipient's [doctoral enrolment](#) ends during the Scholarship term, due to the recipient submitting their thesis for examination, or for any other reason¹, the Scholarship will end from the same date as the end of the recipient's doctoral enrolment.
- 4.2. 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.
- 4.3. If a recipient's circumstances change in a manner which may affect their continued eligibility for this Scholarship, they must inform the Scholarships Executive immediately (via scholarships@waikato.ac.nz). Any change of circumstances will be assessed on a case-by-case basis.

¹ For example, completion, withdrawal, or termination.

- 4.4. The Postgraduate Research Committee will provide advice and recommendations to the Scholarships Executive regarding Progress Reports of Scholarship recipients that identify performance that is below expectations.
- 4.5. The Scholarships Executive may terminate this Scholarship at any time, and recoup any funds disbursed, if the recipient:
 - 4.5.1. is not meeting expectations in their doctoral progress reports;
 - 4.5.2. is not following the approved programme of study; or,
 - 4.5.3. brings the University into disrepute², or otherwise does not comply with the regulations governing the Scholarship.
- 4.6. The Scholarship 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 Research Committee.
- 4.7. The University of Waikato may, from time to time, vary these regulations.

² See the [Student Code of Conduct](#).