

Fully funded Master research in logistics/supply chain management

Project title

Will Wellington residents have enough water after a major earthquake?

About this opportunity

This scholarship, funded by [Te Hiranga Rū QuakeCoRE](#), supports a 90- or 120-point Master of Business (MBus) thesis. It offers the chance to undertake a meaningful research project and join the vibrant Te Hiranga Rū QuakeCoRE research community working on earthquake resilience.

About the research project

A major earthquake in the Wellington Region could isolate communities and leave some 400,000 residents dependent on emergency water supplies. The region's emergency water plan aims to provide each person with 20 litres of water per day within 1 km of their home. However, there is uncertainty about how well the plan would work in practice because it relies on community participation and local resources, and rests on untested assumptions with limited attention to differences across communities and households. The research will examine the performance of the Wellington Region's emergency water supply plan and recommend practical improvements.

Scholarship details

- **Expected start date:** 1 July 2026
- **Location:** Hamilton, New Zealand with travel to Wellington
- **Duration:** 1 year
- **Value:** NZ\$22,000 per year + domestic tuition fees for a 90/120-point Master thesis + travel costs to/from Wellington + participation in Te Hiranga Rū QuakeCoRE annual meeting

Eligibility

The scholarship is open to domestic and international students enrolled or eligible to enrol in the [Master of Business](#) at the University of Waikato. International students must currently live in New Zealand. A minimum B+ average in the most recent undergraduate study is required.

The ideal candidate will have:

- A strong interest in logistics/supply chain management
- Excellent communication skills in English
- Good critical thinking skills.

Application process

If you are interested, please email your application to Cécile L'Hermitte (cecile.lhermitte@waikato.ac.nz), including:

- CV
- Academic transcripts
- 1-page cover letter describing your motivation for the project and how you meet the eligibility criteria
- 2 reference letters (academic and/or character).

Closing date: 15 June 2026, or earlier if the position is filled.

Shortlisted applicants will be invited to an interview with the supervisor.

Supervisor

Cécile L'Hermitte

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