The Braemar Charitable Trust MBA Bursary (hereafter award) will support a candidate who is in a role that has direct impact on the health and wellbeing in our community and is or aspires to be a transformational/system change leader in the Not-For-Profit community health sector. The award was established in 2021 through a donation from the Braemar Charitable Trust, who seek to improve health outcomes in our community through supporting organisations and activities that reduce inequities and assist those who face barriers to accessing health services and as a result suffer, poorer health outcomes. The Trust has five key pillars to achieve this goal, including ownership of Braemar Hospital; investing in medical research; developing medical knowledge; investing in partnerships to improve health outcomes and providing free or subsidised medical care at Braemar Hospital for eligible patients.

No application is required; the award will be made by nomination of the Braemar Charitable Trust Board of Trustees, who will send the nomination to scholarships@waikato.ac.nz via a nominated member of the board. Applicants who wish to be considered for nomination should submit an Expression of Interest, providing they meet all of the eligibility criteria outlined in the regulations. The process of offering the award to a recipient, will start once the scholarships advisor has received the nomination. Prior to offer, the scholarships advisor will check funds are available, that the nominated recipient meets the eligibility criteria below, and seek approval for payments via the Records of Decision. The award has a total value of $40,000 split across two years, part-time study.

1. Eligibility & Nomination Process
   1.1. To be eligible for consideration for a nomination, applicants must:
       1.1.1. be from a relevant health field in the not-for-profit sector supporting the community;
       1.1.2. be in a role that can or has direct impact on the health and wellbeing of the community and its members;
       1.1.3. work and reside in the wider Midlands region;
       1.1.4. have a financial need that means they would not otherwise be able to self-fund enrolment in the MBA Programme; and
       1.1.5. be a New Zealand citizen or permanent resident
   1.2 If all eligibility criteria above are met, applicants may submit an Expression of Interest to be considered for a nomination by the Braemar Charitable Trust. All Expressions of Interest will be considered and one candidate will be put forward by the Trust to be offered an award.
   1.3 To maintain eligibility candidates must:
       1.3.1 meet the entry requirements to the University of Waikato MBA;
       1.3.2 have commenced the enrolment process or be enrolled in the MBA (180 points) at the University of Waikato starting in 2023;
       1.3.3 be able to complete the MBA programme within the structured framework of 2.5 years (part-time);
       1.3.4 remain enrolled in the MBA Programme in the year of tenure; and
       1.3.5 pass all papers in year one and year two of the MBA Programme to receive the second and third-year payment.
2. **Value, Tenure and Awarding**

2.1. The award will have a total value of **up to $40,000** and will be paid directly towards tuition fees for the MBA Programme. Any fees not covered by the bursary will be met by the candidate, including the Student Services Fee.

2.1.1. The second-year payment will be conditional on the candidate passing all papers in year one of the MBA Programme.

2.1.2. The third (and final) payment will be conditional on the candidate passing all papers in year two of the MBA Programme.

2.2. The recipient may receive additional funding for their final project if it has relevance to the Trust's goals and sufficient funding is available and the Trust Board are all in agreement. This is to be negotiated between the recipient and the Trust Board.

2.3. Recipients will be advised of the offer of an Award through their MyWaikato portal and must accept the offer by the date indicated or the offer will lapse.

2.4. In accepting the Award, the recipient will be deemed to have read, understood, and accepted the conditions of the Award, and the [Scholarships Policy](#).

2.5. Through the School of Graduate Research, the University monitors recipients’ performance and reserves the right to impose further conditions where a recipient’s performance is unsatisfactory.

2.6. The award will have a maximum tenure of two years.

3. **Other Conditions**

3.1. The award may be held in conjunction with any other award, award or prize, unless the conditions of the other award preclude this.

3.2. 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.

3.3. Should a recipient withdraw from any papers, without adding sufficient papers to maintain necessary enrolment in the MBA to complete the prescribed papers within the two years, the University may ask for the award to be repaid.

3.4. The Scholarships Committee may terminate this award at any time, and recoup any funds disbursed, if the holder withdraws from the University of Waikato, brings the Award, University or Donor into disrepute1, or is otherwise not complying with the regulations governing the award and/or the University of Waikato. The holder of an Award will have the right to appeal to the Scholarships Executive against any decision to terminate the award.

3.5. The Award is not refundable to the student under any circumstances, although (in the case of fees payment) 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 the Award.

3.6. By accepting the Award, the recipient agrees to participate in any publicity concerning the Award arranged by the University of Waikato or Donor.

3.7. The Scholarships Committee may, from time to time, vary these regulations.

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1 See [Code of Student Conduct](#).