The University of Waikato International Progression Bursary (hereafter Award) was established in 2022, to promote educational opportunities, foster internationalisation and support talented international students to progress from undergraduate to postgraduate level for the first time at the University of Waikato.

No application is required. Eligible students will be identified by the International Office who will forward details to the Scholarships Team. The award will be applied to tuition fees only and is not transferrable. All values are in NZD.

1. Eligibility and nomination

1.1. To be eligible, students must:

1.1.1. not be classified as a domestic student;
1.1.2. have applied to enrol for the first time in a postgraduate level programme\(^1\) at the University of Waikato;
1.1.3. have completed a bachelor’s degree at the University of Waikato within two years of the proposed date of enrolment in the postgraduate programme;
1.1.4. have received a conditional or unconditional Offer of Place; and
1.1.5. have applied for postgraduate level study directly without assistance from an education agency.

1.2. To maintain eligibility, recipients must:

1.2.1. enrol in a postgraduate programme within two years of completing a bachelor’s degree at the University of Waikato;
1.2.2. in the year/s of tenure, be enrolled on a full-time programme of study;
1.2.3. be residing in New Zealand for the tenure of the award;
1.2.4. not have some or all of the tuition fees funded through another means by the University of Waikato (except for the UOW International Office Bursary which may be held concurrently);
1.2.5. not be coming to the University of Waikato via a sponsoring body\(^2\);

\(^1\) MPhil and doctoral study programmes are not eligible for the award.
\(^2\) Examples of a sponsoring body are: governments, institutions and employers who fund student scholarships for study.
1.2.6. not be coming to the University of Waikato on a Guaranteed Credit Arrangement\textsuperscript{3}, or through a study abroad or student exchange agreement;
1.2.7. not be represented by an education agency at any point in the application or enrolment process, unless agreed otherwise with the International Office;
1.2.8. maintain ‘international student’ status within the University’s student management system during the entire tenure of the scholarship.

2. Value, Tenure and Awarding

2.1. The Award values are set as follows:
2.1.1. $5,000 for those undertaking a 120 point programme of study;
2.1.2. $10,000 for those undertaking a 180-240 point programme of study.
2.2. The Award will be applied directly to the recipient’s tuition fees for their chosen programme/s of study once their enrolment is completed. Where enrolment spans more than one year the award will be applied pro-rata across both years as the programmes of study become available.
2.3. The tenure is for one year and is valid only within the year for which it is awarded.
2.4. Eligible students will receive a letter confirming their eligibility and the amount to be awarded. To accept the award, students must fully enrol in their selected programme of study as referenced on the eligibility letter.
2.5. In accepting the Award, the recipient will be deemed to have read, understood, and accepted the conditions of the Award and the Scholarships Policy.
2.6. The Award cannot normally be deferred beyond the two-year period (as referenced in 1.1.3). In exceptional circumstances, a deferral request may be submitted via the Scholarship Variation Request Form. Such requests will be considered on a case-by-case basis by the Scholarships Committee and International Office.

3. Other Conditions

3.1. The Award 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.

\textsuperscript{3} 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 to 2 years of study at the University of Waikato.
3.2. This Award 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 University of Waikato may terminate this Award at any time, and recoup any funds disbursed, if the holder withdraws from the University of Waikato, brings the Award or the University into disrepute⁴ or is otherwise not complying with the conditions governing the Award and/or the regulations of the University of Waikato. The holder of an Award shall have the right to appeal to the International Office against any decision to terminate the Award.

3.5. The recipient will have the right to appeal against any decision to terminate an Award by writing to scholarships@waikato.ac.nz who will forward the appeal to the relevant Committee for consideration.

3.6. Recipients of this Award agree to participate, if required, in any promotional activity and events organised by the University of Waikato during the tenure of the Award.

3.7. The International Office has the power to amend or vary these regulations, provided that there is no departure from the main purpose of the Award.

⁴See Code of Student Conduct.