



The Craigs Investment Partners Women in Business Scholarship was established in 2022 to support women studying towards the final year of a Bachelor of Business or a Bachelor of Management Studies with Honours at the University of Waikato. Craigs Investment Partners are one of New Zealand's leading investment advisory firms, offering tailored investment solutions to private, corporate and institutional clients. Craigs Investment Partners manages the University of Waikato Foundation – To Pou Taunaki – Endowment Fund. The scholarship includes \$7,500 funding, one-on-one mentoring and the possibility of a summer work placement. One scholarship will be awarded each year.



The funds are held in trust with the University of Waikato Foundation and will be offered until 2025 when it is expected that the funds will be depleted.

1. Purpose

- 1.1 The Scholarship will provide financial support and mentoring opportunities for promising undergraduate female students studying full-time towards a Bachelor of Business or a Bachelor of Management Studies with Honours with a major in Finance at the University of Waikato.

2. Eligibility and Selection Criteria

2.1 To be eligible, applicants must:

- 2.1.1 identify as female in the personal details listed in the applicant's MyWaikato Portal;
- 2.1.2 be enrolled in two trimesters in the year of application and be studying at least 105 points in one of the following degrees:
 - a. the 3rd and final year of a Bachelor of Business (BBUS).
 - b. the 4th and final year of a Bachelor of Management (BMS(Hons))
- 2.1.3 have made, or show strong potential to make an impact on women in business and be intending to pursue a career in the business sector;
- 2.1.4 be available to take part in face to face mentoring sessions on a monthly basis (during term time) at the Craigs Investment Partners Office based in Tauranga;
- 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); and
- 2.1.6 understand that they **may** be contacted after the Selection Panel meeting by a representative from Craigs Investment Partners who will provide feedback on their application.

2.2 Selection will be based on:

- 2.2.1 Academic achievement.
- 2.2.2 Demonstration of a broad range of interests and commitment to their communities.
- 2.2.3 Reasoning and ability to articulate why they have chosen to study one of the eligible degrees outlined in clause 2.1.2 above and how they intend to make an impact on women in business.

- 2.2.4 Demonstration of interest in and curiosity about investing, the share market and how businesses and the economy operate.
- 2.3 Preference may be given to those applicants who are majoring in finance.
- 2.3 **To maintain eligibility recipients must, in the year of tenure:**
 - 2.3.1 remain enrolled as per clause 2.1.2.
 - 2.3.2 maintain at least a B+ GPA over the first trimester of study.

3. Value, Tenure and Awarding

- 3.1 The scholarship will have a value of \$7,500 and will be paid directly towards the recipient's tuition fees (not including the Student Services Fee). If a recipient holds another tuition fees scholarship, then the recipient will receive two equal cash instalments (noting requirements in clause 2.3) paid directly to the recipient after the withdrawal dates of A and B Trimester.
- 3.2 The Scholarship also includes:
 - 3.2.1 One on one mentoring likely monthly and face-to-face at the Craigs Investment Partners Tauranga Office. The student and their mentor will agree the approach and review and reflect on the outcomes.
 - 3.2.2 Potential for a summer work placement (subject to availability), paid directly to the student by Craigs Investment Partners.
- 3.3 The Scholarship will have a tenure of one year.
- 3.4 Successful applicants will be advised of the offer of a Scholarship via their MyWaikato portal and must accept the offer by the prescribed date or the offer will lapse, and the scholarship offered to the next reserve applicant.
- 3.5 In accepting the Scholarship, the recipient:
 - 3.5.1 will be deemed to have read, understood, and accepted the conditions of the Scholarship and the [Scholarships policy](#).
 - 3.5.2 may be contacted directly by the Donor to coordinate mentoring and possible summer placement opportunities.
 - 3.5.3 agrees to participate in any publicity concerning the Scholarship arranged by the University of Waikato and/or the Donor.

4. Application

- 4.1 The closing date for online applications is **15 February each year**.
- 4.2 As part of the online application process, each applicant must provide information on the following:
 - 4.2.1 Why completing a business degree is important to the applicant and their future ambitions.
 - 4.2.2 Any impact, or intention to make an impact, on women in the business sector.
 - 4.2.3 Description of non-study interests and actions taken to support communities to thrive.
 - 4.2.4 Knowledge and view on investing, the share market or how the economy and business operates, why that is and what the future looks like.
- 4.3 As part of the application process, applications must also:
 - 4.3.1 upload a brief CV (no more than two A4 pages in length) including work experience.
 - 4.3.2 request the submission of two references from two different people:
 - a. An academic reference

- b. A character reference who may not be an immediate member of the applicant's family.

5. Selection Panel

- 5.1 The Selection Panel will comprise of the University of Waikato Scholarships Committee representative from Waikato Management School (in the Chair), an academic staff member from the School of Accounting, Finance and Economics (nominated by the Head of School), and up to two representatives from Craigs Investment Partners.
- 5.2 The Selection Panel may refrain from making a recommendation if it finds no applicant 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 be held together with any other scholarship, award, or prize, unless the conditions of the other award preclude this.
- 6.2 Recipients must remain enrolled for the period of tenure, should a recipient withdraw from any papers, without adding sufficient papers to maintain an overall enrolment outline in clause 2.1.2 for the academic year, the University may ask for the Scholarship to be repaid.
- 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 disrepute¹, 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 Scholarships Committee in agreement with the Donor 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](#)