

The Fehl Charitable Trust (FCT) Scholarship in Music was established in 2023 through generous support from The Fehl Charitable Trust, provided through a relationship with the University of Waikato Foundation. The FCT was founded in 1987 by Peter and Rae Fehl with the principal objectives being the promotion of the arts, the relief of poverty, advancement of education and other charitable purposes that are beneficial to the community.

Up to four Scholarships will be awarded each year between 2024-2026 to student(s) with strong financial need enrolled in the second-year or above in an undergraduate degree or any year of a postgraduate degree offered by the School of Music at the University of Waikato. A maximum of \$20,000 total is available each year.

1. Purpose

- 1.1. The Scholarship provides financial support to students undertaking a degree-programme offered by the School of Music at the University of Waikato who are facing financial hardship.

2. Eligibility and Selection Criteria:

2.1. To be eligible, applicants must:

- 2.1.1 be enrolled full-time (i.e., 120-points) in the second year or above of an undergraduate degree or any year of postgraduate study in the School of Music at the University of Waikato in the year of tenure.
- 2.1.2 be facing financial hardship.
- 2.1.3 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).

2.2. Selection will be based on:

- 2.2.1. financial need.
- 2.2.2. application and aptitude for studying music.

- 2.3. Previous applicants may apply in subsequent years.

- 2.4. **To maintain eligibility recipients** must remain enrolled full-time (120-points) in the School of Music in the year of tenure.

3. Value, Tenure and Awarding:

- 3.1. Each Scholarship has a value of **\$5,000** and will be paid directly to the recipient as soon as practicable after acceptance of the Scholarship.

- 3.2. The Scholarship has a tenure of one year.

- 3.3. The successful applicant 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.

- 3.4. In accepting the Scholarship, the recipient will be deemed to have:

- 3.4.1. read, understood, and accepted the conditions of the Scholarship, and the [Scholarships Policy](#).
- 3.4.2. agreed 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 **31 March annually**.
- 4.2. As part of the online application process, each applicant must include details in the personal statement fields outlining the following:
 - 4.2.1. Their journey in music including any relevant background context.
 - 4.2.2. Why completing a degree in music is important and their future ambitions (including long term goals).
 - 4.2.3. Any financial need, including what the funds would be used for, if successful in gaining a Scholarship.
 - 4.2.4. Community engagement.
 - 4.2.5. Any other information that may be of relevance to the Selection Panel
- 4.3. As part of the application, the applicant must upload their:
 - 4.3.1. Most recent bank statement showing the balance of all available accounts;
 - 4.3.2. Most recent bank statement showing at least two weeks of transactions in the account where your income is received, and any rent/board is paid from.

5. Selection Panel

- 5.1. The Selection Panel will comprise the Scholarships Committee Representative from the Division of Arts, Law, Psychology and Social Sciences (in the Chair), at least one Trustee from the Fehl Charitable Trust nominated by the Trust, and up to two academic staff members from the School of Arts with expertise in music (nominated by the Head of School of Arts).
- 5.2. The Selection Panel may refrain from offering a scholarship if it finds no applicant of sufficient merit.
- 5.3. The Selection Panel's decisions are final and no further correspondence will be entered into following the selection meeting.

6. Other Conditions

- 6.1. The Scholarship may be held in conjunction with any other Scholarship, Award or Prize, unless the conditions of the other award preclude this.
- 6.2. Recipients should seek independent financial advice about any tax implications of their scholarship.
- 6.3. Should a recipient withdraw from any papers, without adding sufficient papers to maintain an overall enrolment in a minimum of 120-points for the academic year, the University may ask for the Scholarship to be repaid.
- 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 Donor into disrepute¹, or is otherwise not complying with the regulations governing the Scholarship and/or the University of Waikato. The holder of a Scholarship will have the right to appeal to the Scholarships Executive against any decision to terminate the award.
- 6.5. The Scholarships Committee, in consultation with the Donor, may, from time to time, vary these regulations.

¹ See [Code of Student Conduct](#).