

The R. Tucker Thompson Sail Training Trust / University of Waikato Award was established in 2024 as a partnership [between R. Tucker Thompson Sail Training Trust](#) and the University to support R. Tucker Thompson Youth to gain a degree from the University of Waikato. The R Tucker Thompson Sail Training Trust was established in 2006 when the owners of the R Tucker Thompson Ship wanted to protect the future of the iconic vessel. The Trust was set up to benefit the people of Te Taitokerau Northland. All income derived from the ship's commercial activities is used for maintenance and provides a contribution towards helping teenagers gain access to the youth development voyages. The University and Trust partnered to provide accommodation support within the University Halls of Residence for one student each year until 2027.

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1 Purpose

- 1.1 To recognise the strong commitment of R. Tucker Thompson Sail Trust and the University of Waikato to the people of New Zealand and the advancement of education opportunities for people from Northland, especially those who may not normally consider or be able to attend University.

2 Eligibility and Selection Criteria

2.1 To be eligible, applicants must:

- 2.1.1 have attended a R. Tucker Thompson Youth Voyage within five years of the date of application.
- 2.1.2 be intending to enrol full-time in an undergraduate degree programme¹ at the University of Waikato for the first time² in the year following application, commencing study in the first trimester of that year (i.e., have begun an application to enrol and have a student ID number).
- 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 Academic readiness and likelihood to succeed at tertiary study.
- 2.2.2 Recognition of the nominee's commitment to the marine environment and/or marine industry.
- 2.2.3 Ranking provided by members of the R. Tucker Thompson Sail Training Trust.
- 2.2.4 Preference may be given to applicants:
 - who are studying topics of relevance to the marine environment and/or marine industry.
 - that would not normally be able to consider or attend study at university (e.g., those who do not hold another scholarship).

¹ This does not include diplomas, certificates, etc., except for the Diploma in Te Tohu Paetahi. Other recipients whose degree structure requires them to enrol in an alternative programme of study in the year of tenure can request special consideration by completing a Variation Request <https://www.waikato.ac.nz/study/scholarships/scholarship-variation-request-form/>

² Candidates who have undertaken **Unistart** papers at the University of Waikato are **not** excluded by this clause.

2.3 **To maintain eligibility recipients must:**

- 2.3.1 by the withdrawal deadline of A Trimester in the year following application be accepted into an undergraduate degree programme at the University of Waikato OR be accepted into the CUP programme as a pathway into undergraduate study.
- 2.3.2 apply for accommodation at one of the University Halls of Residence. Students are guaranteed a space in the Halls of Residence, however, in order to maintain this guarantee students must complete their applications, including payment of the deposit and any other administration costs³, by the specified application due date(s).
- 2.3.3 enrol full-time as outlined in Clause 2.1.2 in the year of tenure.
- 2.3.4 Where approval for deferral of part of the award is given, the recipient must pass all papers in previous trimesters to maintain eligibility.

3 Value, Tenure and Awarding

- 3.1 Each Award has a value of **\$10,000** and will be applied to accommodation fees in one of the University's Halls of Residence in the year of tenure.
- 3.2 Where a recipient has some (or all) of their accommodation fees paid through another Award then the value will be disbursed as follows:
 - 3.2.1 **\$5,000** will be put towards any remaining accommodation fees, with any remainder paid in cash in two equal instalments after the withdrawal dates of A and B Trimester. The second instalment is conditional on the recipient maintaining all criteria in clause 2.3.
 - 3.2.2 **\$5,000** will be used to offset tuition fees in the first year of study that is not covered by the Government's Fees-Free Policy and is conditional on the student maintaining all criteria in Clause 2.3. Should the recipient reach year 3 without using the \$5,000, the funds will be paid in cash in two equal instalments after the withdrawal dates of A and B Trimester. The second instalment is conditional on the recipient maintaining all criteria in clause 2.3.
- 3.3 Recipients may study at either the Hamilton or Tauranga campus (or both).
- 3.4 The award has a maximum tenure of one year and must be taken up in the year for which it is offered.
- 3.5 Successful applicants will be advised of the offer of an award via their MyWaikato portal and must accept the offer by the prescribed date or the offer will lapse.
- 3.6 In accepting the award, the recipient:
 - 3.6.1 will be deemed to have read, understood, and accepted the conditions of the award and the [Scholarships Policy](#).
 - 3.6.2 agrees to participate in any publicity concerning the award arranged by the University of Waikato and R. Tucker Thompson Sail Training Trust

4 Application

- 4.1 The closing date for online applications is **15 September** each year (tenure in the year following).
- 4.2 As part of the online application process, each applicant must complete the online personal statement form including:
 - 4.2.1 The year and instructor name on their Youth Voyage,

³ Students are required to pay the Bond and Administration fee. If this isn't possible, contact Accom@waikato.ac.nz in the first instance

- 4.2.2 Why completing a degree from University of Waikato is important to their future ambitions.
- 4.2.3 Their commitment to the marine environment and/or marine industry.
- 4.2.4 Any other information to support their application (e.g., financial hardship).
- 4.3 Applicants must also upload a copy of their most recent academic achievements (e.g., NCEA results, outcomes from study at other institutions).

5 Selection Panel

- 5.1 The Selection Panel will comprise of the Chair of the Scholarships Committee (or nominee) in the Chair, a representative of the Future Student and School Liaison Team nominated by the Deputy Director of Strategic Engagement, and up to two R. Tucker Thompson Sail Training Trust members nominated by Chair of the Trust.
- 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 award may be held in conjunction with any other University of Waikato funded scholarship. It may also be held with any other Award, Scholarship or prize unless the conditions of the other award preclude this.
- 6.2 If a recipient is in receipt of a student allowance, another award, or any type of financial assistance, it is their responsibility to check their entitlement to other income and any tax implications.
- 6.3 Recipients who take up this Award are expected to complete at least four trimesters of full-time study at the University of Waikato. Those who withdraw their enrolment before the end of this period will normally be required to pay back the full sum of monies received.
- 6.4 Recipients must remain enrolled full-time for the period of tenure. 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 Award to be repaid.
- 6.5 The University monitors students' performance and reserves the right to impose further conditions where a student's conduct is unsatisfactory.
- 6.6 The Scholarship 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 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 has the right to appeal to the Awards Executive against any decision to terminate the Award.
- 6.7 The Scholarships Committee has the power to amend or vary these regulations in consultation with the donor provided that there is no departure from the main purpose of the award.

⁴ See [Code of Student Conduct](#)