

The Huy Tien Vu Scholarship was established in 2022 in memory of Huy Vu who was a well-known and valued member of the University community for over 20 years. Huy and his family were refugees from Vietnam, arriving in New Zealand in 1980 and settling in Hamilton. Huy attended Catholic primary, intermediate and secondary schools in Hamilton and then enrolled at the University of Waikato, completing a Bachelor of Management Studies in Marketing and International Management in 1999. After a stint in Japan, Huy made his way back to the University in 2002 taking up roles that supported international students and working his way up to the role of Divisional Manager Students in Waikato Management School in 2019. Huy believed in the value of education, in the importance of creating an inclusive and safe environment for both staff and students and creating opportunities for people to grow. He was renowned for his authenticity, his compassion, his willingness to go the extra mile, his wonderful sense of fun and his ability to make a competition out of almost anything. The scholarship is funded by the University of Waikato and through donations made to honour Huy's memory. One scholarship will be awarded each year.

1. Purpose

- 1.1 The Scholarship provides support to extraordinary international students or students from an international refugee background immersed in the University community and studying in year three or above towards an undergraduate degree programme offered by Waikato Management School.

2. Eligibility and Selection Criteria

- 2.1 **To be eligible**, applicants must:
 - 2.1.1 have come to New Zealand as a refugee **OR** be a direct descendant of a parent who was a refugee to New Zealand **OR** be classed as an international student in the student management system at the time of application.
 - 2.1.2 have completed at least two years of full-time study at the University of Waikato **and** be currently enrolled full-time in the third year (or above) in an undergraduate degree-programme offered by Waikato Management School.
 - 2.1.3 have achieved at least a B+ Grade Point Average in their most recent 120-points of study at the University of Waikato.
 - 2.1.4 be contributing to the wider University community.
- 2.2 **Selection will be based on:**
 - 2.2.1 Academic excellence.
 - 2.2.2 Contribution to the University community.
- 2.3 Preference will be given to students from Vietnam and/or students who came to New Zealand as a refugee.
- 2.4 Previous recipients of the scholarship (i.e., those who held the award in previous years) may apply again.

2.5 To maintain eligibility recipients must:

- 2.5.1 remain enrolled in at least 105 points in the appropriate programme of study outlined in clause 2.1.1. during the year of tenure.
- 2.5.2 maintain a GPA of at least a B over the first trimester of study.

3. Value, Tenure and Awarding

- 3.1 One scholarship of \$5,000 will be awarded each year as follows:
 - 3.2.1 **\$2,500** will be paid in cash directly to the recipient as soon as practicable after the scholarship is accepted.
 - 3.2.2 **\$2,500** will be paid in cash directly to the recipient after the withdrawal date for B Trimester and on confirmation the student meets all conditions in clause 2.5.
- 3.2 The Scholarship has a maximum tenure of one year.
- 3.3 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.
- 3.4 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 each year**.
- 4.2 As part of the online application process, each applicant must provide the following information:
 - 4.2.1 Why completing a degree from Waikato Management School is important to the candidate and their future ambitions;
 - 4.2.2 Their involvement in the University community, including any impact they have made on other students; and
 - 4.2.3 Any other information to support their application (e.g., refugee status; financial hardship).

5. Selection Panel

- 5.1 The Selection Panel will comprise of the University Scholarships Committee representative from Waikato Management School (in the Chair), the Divisional Manager Students (WMS), and Director of Global Engagement and Development (WMS).
- 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 in at least 105 points for the period of tenure, should a recipient withdraw from any papers, without adding sufficient papers to maintain an overall enrolment in the minimum of number of points 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 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](#)