

The University of Waikato International College Scholarship (hereafter Award) was established in 2024 to promote educational opportunities and support talented international students who have completed a programme of study offered by the [University of Waikato College](#) (hereafter College) to further their studies through a degree-programme offered by the University of Waikato.

The Award is offered to all international fee-paying students with an Offer of Place within eligible programmes of study offered by the College. The Award is applied in NZD\$ to tuition fees only and is not transferrable. No application is required. Offers of this award may be up to 8 weeks after the relevant College papers have been started.

1. Purpose

- 1.1. The award supports academically talented international fee-paying students embarking on a degree programme at the University of Waikato who undertake and complete an eligible programme of study offered by the University of Waikato College (hereafter College).

2. Eligibility

2.1. To be eligible, students must:

- 2.1.1. be classified as an international fee-paying student.
- 2.1.2. have enrolled in and begun an eligible programme of study offered by the College (see clause 2.2 for ineligible programmes).
- 2.1.3. be currently residing in New Zealand.

2.2. Students are **ineligible** if they:

- 2.2.1. are enrolled in a Certificate of English Language at the College with Level 6 or lower.
- 2.2.2. have already completed at least one paper towards a degree programme at the University of Waikato.
- 2.2.3. are coming to the University of Waikato via a sponsoring body or on a Guaranteed Credit Agreement or funded by Education New Zealand or New Zealand Government Awards.
- 2.2.4. are planning on enrolling in the Master of Nursing Practice at the University of Waikato.

2.3. To maintain eligibility recipients must:

- 2.3.1. achieve at least an A- grade-point average across all papers while studying in the College; these must be final (not provisional) results.
- 2.3.2. remain an international student throughout the tenure of the Award (i.e., not become a domestic student, not change residency status or be eligible to pay domestic fees).
- 2.3.3. be accepted into and **enrol full-time in an eligible** undergraduate or postgraduate **degree-programme** offered by the University of Waikato for the first time¹ in the next available intake after completing the College programme. For clarity the next available intake is as follows:
 - a. recipients who complete a College programme in A Trimester must enrol in B Trimester of the same year.

¹ Students who have undertaken Unistart papers at the University of Waikato are not excluded by this clause

- b. recipients who complete the College programme in B Trimester must enrol in C Trimester of same year, or A Trimester of the following year.
 - c. recipients who complete the College programme in C Trimester must enrol in the A Trimester immediately following that C Trimester.
- 2.3.4. For clarity, undergraduate or postgraduate degree programmes offered by the University of Waikato that **are ineligible for continued eligibility** include:
- a. any programmes that are less than 12 months in duration.
 - b. the Master of Nursing Practice.
 - c. a doctoral or MPhil programme (i.e., a programme of study that charges domestic fees).
- 2.3.5. **Also ineligible** to maintain their scholarship award are recipients who:
- a. are coming to the University of Waikato via a sponsoring body or on a Guaranteed Credit Agreement or funded by Education New Zealand or New Zealand Government Awards.
 - b. have received any other University of Waikato funded tuition-fees funding.
 - c. are offshore and/or intend to study online.

3. Value, Tenure and Awarding

- 3.1. The Award is **\$2,500** and will be applied towards tuition fees in an eligible degree programme.
- 3.2. The tenure is one year (or two semesters), but the Award will be paid in full into the first Trimester of study in the eligible degree programme and is only valid within the year of tenure for which it is awarded.
- 3.3. Students 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. **Note:** It may take up to 8 weeks after the College papers have begun for an Award to be offered.
- 3.4. In accepting the Award, the recipient will:
- 3.4.1. be deemed to have read, understood, and have accepted the conditions of this Award, and the [Scholarships Policy](#).
 - 3.4.2. agree to participate, if required, in any promotional activity and events organised by the University of Waikato during the tenure of the Award.
- 3.5. No deferrals of the Award will be considered. If a recipient does not enrol in the specified Trimester the Award will be forfeit.
- 3.6. Recipients will receive an official Award letter as confirmation of the acceptance of the Award. This letter may be included with their student visa application.

4. Other Conditions

- 4.1. The Award may not be held in conjunction with:
- 4.1.1. any other University of Waikato funded tuition fees award, scholarship, bursary or other such funding, or
 - 4.1.2. any Education New Zealand Awards or Manaaki Award.
- 4.2. If, during the tenure of the Award, a recipient's circumstances change in such a manner that their continued eligibility for the Award may be affected, they must inform scholarships@waikato.ac.nz immediately
- 4.3. The Award is not refundable to the student.

- 4.4. 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.
- 4.5. 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 disrepute², 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 Scholarships Committee against any decision to terminate the Award.
- 4.6. The Scholarships Committee has the power to amend or vary these regulations provided there is no departure from the main purpose of the Award.

² See [Code of Student Conduct](#)