# WMS Overseas Exchange Scholarship – 2026

The WMS Overseas Exchange Scholarship (previously the WMS International Exchange scholarship till 2024) was established in 2005 to enhance awareness of, and foster interest in, exchange programmes offered by the University of Waikato. Up to ten Scholarships funded by Waikato Management School (WMS) are awarded each year by the to encourage undergraduate level students studying in WMS to participate in exchange programmes. The scholarships provide financial support to students approved for exchange programmes and, promote exchange destinations most relevant for WMS students.

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#### 1. Purpose

1.1. The Scholarship encourages WMS students to participate in exchange programmes offered by the University of Waikato.

### 2. Eligibility and Selection Criteria

- 2.1. To be eligible for consideration, applicants must:
  - 2.1.1. have completed at least one year of study within an undergraduate degree programme offered by WMS.
  - 2.1.2. Be a current full-time student within WMS.
  - 2.1.3. have been accepted into the University of <u>Waikato Global Experiences</u> <u>Programme</u><sup>1</sup>.
  - 2.1.4. be a citizen or permanent resident of New Zealand.

#### 2.2. Selection is based on:

- 2.2.1. academic performance (a minimum of A- grade point average in the last two trimesters of study).
- 2.2.2. goals and aspirations, clarity of purpose underlying the desire to pursue the Waikato Global Experiences Programme.
- 2.2.3. financial hardship may be taken into account.
- 2.2.4. preference will be given to students who have applied to our partner institutions (e.g., Cardiff University).

## 2.3. To maintain eligibility recipients must:

- 2.3.1. be confirmed to have been accepted into the partner University for the relevant trimester. Confirmation will be made by the Manager, Global Experiences.
- 2.3.2. attend the international exchange in the trimester of tenure.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Students must have been selected to study at an exchange university that fits academically with their current study, and that has the support of their School and the Waikato Global Experiences Programme

### 3. Value and awarding

- 3.1. The values of the Scholarships (in NZD) are as follows and are paid in one lump sum directly to the student prior to leaving on their overseas exchange:
  - 3.1.1. Europe **\$2,500.**
  - 3.1.2. USA, Canada, and Mexico **\$2,000**.
  - 3.1.3. Asia and Australia **\$1,500**.
- 3.2. Upon confirmation that the recipients have met the requirements of the University of Waikato Global Experiences programme the successful applicants will be advised of the scholarship offer via their MyWaikato portal. The offer must be accepted by the prescribed date, or the offer will lapse.
- 3.3. In accepting the Scholarship, the recipient will be deemed to:
  - 3.3.1. have read, understood and accepted the conditions of the Scholarship, and the <u>Scholarships Policy</u>.
  - 3.3.2. agree to participate in any reasonable publicity concerning the Scholarship arranged by the University of Waikato
- 3.4. The tenure of the Scholarship is one trimester and must be taken up in the trimester for which it is offered.

## 4. Application and Scholarship Process

- 4.1. The closing date for online applications is **15 January** (for exchanges in B Trimester of the current year) and **15 July** (for exchanges in A Trimester of the following year).
- 4.2. As part of the online application process, each applicant must provide information on the following through the 'Scholarships' tab in MyWaikato:
  - 4.2.1. rationale for choosing the institution / country.
  - 4.2.2. commentary on any previous international experiences undertaken (e.g., work/travel).
  - 4.2.3. commentary on how the exchange will benefit the applicant and their future study and/or career aspirations.
  - 4.2.4. commentary on the applicant's personal character and how the exchange will benefit them personally.

## 5. Selection Panel

5.1. The Selection Panel will comprise the WMS representative of the University's Scholarships Committee (as Chair), the WMS Director of Global Engagement and Development, and the WMS Divisional Manager Students.

- 5.2. The Selection Panel may refrain from making a recommendation if it finds no candidate of sufficient merit.
- 5.3. The Selection Panel's decision is final and no further correspondence will be entered into following the selection meeting.

## 6. Other Conditions

- 6.1. The Scholarship may be held with any other bursary, scholarship, or award, provided the regulations of the other award allow this.
- 6.2. If a recipient is in receipt of a student allowance, another scholarship, or any type of financial assistance, it is their responsibility to check their entitlement to other income and any tax implications.
- 6.3. If, during the tenure of the Scholarship, a recipient's circumstances change in such a manner that their continued eligibility for the Scholarship may be affected, they must inform the Scholarships Committee (via the School of Graduate Research Scholarships) immediately (scholarships@waikato.ac.nz).
- 6.4. The Scholarships Committee may terminate a Scholarship at any time, and recoup any funds disbursed, if the holder is not following the approved programme of study, withdraws from the University during the tenure of the Scholarship, brings the Scholarship or University into disrepute<sup>2</sup>, or is not otherwise complying with the regulations governing the Scholarship and/or the University of Waikato. The recipient will have the right to appeal 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 Award.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> See <u>Student Code of Conduct</u>.

# Appendix A

Recommended Institutions for International Exchange Scholarships are listed below. This list will be updated from time to time:

Country/Area	Institution
Australia	University of New Castle
	University of Tasmania
	University of Wollongong
Canada	University of Calgary
	University of Calgary – Haskayne Business School
	University of Victoria
	University of Ottawa
	University of Windsor
China	Renmin University of China
	Shanghai International Studies University
	Tongji University
	Wuhan University
Denmark	Aalborg University
France	EDHEC Business School
	Kedge Business School
	University of La Rochelle
Germany	University of Bremen
	German Sport University Cologne
	University of Münste
	WHU – Otto Beisheim School of Management
Hong Kong	Chinese University of Hong Kong (CUHK)
Japan	Kansai Gaidai University
	Senshu University
	International Christian University (ICU)
	Miyazaki Municipal University
Korea	Yonsei University
Mala ala	Kookmin University
Malaysia	University of Malaya
Mexico	Universidad de las Americas, Puebla (UDLA)
Netherlands	Maastricht University – University College Maastricht
	Maastricht University - School of Business and Economic
	Maastricht University - University College Maastricht
Norway	Rotterdam School of Management
Norway	Norwegian School of Economics (NHH)
Singanara	University of Bergen
Singapore Spain	Nanyang Technological University University of Alicante
Spain	University Of Alloante

Sweden	Jonkoping International Business School
	Stockholm University
Taiwan	National Chengchi University
United Kingdom	Cardiff University
	Lancaster University
	University of Strathclyde Business School
USA	University of California (Berkeley, Davis, Irvine, Riverside, San Diego, Los Angeles, Santa Cruz, Santa Barbara)
	University of Hawai'i at Hilo
	University of Hawai'i at Mānoa
	University of Montana
	University of North Carolina-Wilmington
	Rowan University
	Iowa State University
	University of Utah
	Arizona State University