A Zulauf Trust Scholarship – 2023

Professor Zulauf took up a Readership in Mathematics at the University of Waikato in 1969, and soon afterwards became the Chair of Mathematics. He was a Professor of Mathematics until his retirement in 1986, and was made an Emeritus Professor in the same year; he was the fourth Emeritus Professor of the University. In 2011, Professor Zulauf generously created the "A Zulauf Trust Scholarship" for a postgraduate student undertaking study and research in mathematics at the University of Waikato. The Scholarship funds are held and overseen by the Public Trust. In 2021, the Scholarship regulations underwent some minor updates and changes, agreed to by the Public Trust, including a change to the amount and number of scholarships available. Between 2021 and 2023, the pool of funding available each year will be $25,000; up to five scholarships will be awarded each year.

1. **Purpose**

    1.1. The Scholarship was established to promote the study of Mathematics at the University of Waikato by financially assisting students to undertake postgraduate study and research in Mathematics. Eligible students are awarded scholarships based on academic merit and contribution and dedication to the study of Mathematics.

2. **Eligibility and Selection Criteria**

    2.1. **To be eligible, candidates must:**

    a) be currently enrolled at the University of Waikato in postgraduate study with a research component in the field of mathematics;

    b) have achieved at least a B+ average for their most recent undergraduate degree; and

    c) show dedication to mathematics and to furthering the study of mathematics, as well as display future promise and all-round qualities.

    2.2. 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), and international students.

    2.3. Previous applicants and recipients may apply again in future rounds, but preference may be given to new applicants.

    2.4 **Selection will be based on:**

    a) Academic merit;

    b) one-page synopsis of their research project in mathematics and/or statistics.

    c) The research strength and likely outcomes;

    d) Likelihood of research in mathematics and/or statistics being used in future study/career plans as well as the applicant's dedication to mathematics and to furthering the study of mathematics; and

    2.4. Candidates specialising in statistics will be considered, however, preference will be given to candidates in mathematics; and

    2.5 **To maintain eligibility recipients must, in the year of tenure:**

a) remain enrolled full-time in the relevant programme of study.

3. Value, Tenure and Awarding

3.1. Up to five scholarships will be awarded each year with a total combined value of all scholarships awarded coming to **$25,000** each year.

   a) The amount awarded to each recipient is at the discretion of the Selection Panel and may include criteria such as, but not limited to, grades, number of credits enrolled, and expected thesis/dissertation due-date, etc.

   b) The Scholarship will be paid in full to the recipient as soon as practicable after acceptance of the Scholarship offer.

3.2. Each Scholarship will have a maximum tenure of one year.

3.3. Successful applicants will be advised of the offer of a Scholarship through their MyWaikato portal and must accept the offer by the date indicated or the offer will lapse.

3.4. Through the School of Graduate Research, the University monitors recipients' performance and reserves the right to impose further conditions where a recipient's performance is unsatisfactory.

3.5. Successful applicants must remain enrolled full-time throughout the tenure of the Scholarship.

3.6. The Public Trust will be sent a report on the recipient(s) of the award, their research topic and supervisor's name.

4. Application

4.1. The closing date for online applications is **15 March annually.**

4.2. As part of the online application process, each candidate must submit:

   a) A Personal Statement (using the prescribed template) that sets out the following:

   o A maximum one-page synopsis of their research project in mathematics and/or statistics, including the title (if the recipient is successful, this synopsis will be sent to the Public Trust);

   o Why completing their postgraduate research in mathematics and/or statistics is important to the candidate and their future study/career plans;

   o The candidate's dedication to mathematics and to furthering the study of mathematics; and

   o Any other information that may be of relevance to the Selection Panel.

   b) A brief CV (no more than two A4 pages).

4.3. Each candidate must also request the submission of two confidential references:

   a) Academic: detailing academic merit, the contribution that the candidate and research project will make to mathematics, and anything else deemed relevant.

   b) Character: detailing future promise and all-round qualities of the candidate, and anything else deemed relevant.

5. Selection Panel

5.1. The Selection Panel will comprise the Chair of the Scholarships Committee (or nominee) in the Chair, an academic staff member in Mathematics (appointed by the Chair), and the Head of the School of Computing and Mathematical Sciences (or nominee).

5.2. The Selection Panel may contact referees on a confidential basis for further relevant information.

5.3. The Selection Panel may refrain from making a recommendation if it finds no candidate(s) of sufficient merit in that year.

5.4. The Selection Panel's decisions are final and no 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. In accepting the Scholarship, the recipient will be deemed to have read, understood, and accepted the conditions of the Scholarship, and the Scholarships Policy.

6.5. 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 disrepute[1], 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.

6.6. By accepting the Scholarship, the recipient agrees to participate in any publicity concerning the Scholarship arranged by the University of Waikato and/or the Donor.

6.7. The Scholarships Committee may, from time to time, vary these regulations.

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[1] See Code of Student Conduct.