

**Waikato Graduate Women Educational Trust
Ngā Raukura Wāhine Mātauranga o Waikato**

University of Waikato Merit Award for Doctoral Study - Information

- 1. Purpose**

To assist women students enrolled for a PhD at the University of Waikato.
- 2. Funding available**

\$3000 per year for up to three years, with an additional \$1000 in the final year, and a certificate. The funds will be transferred to the recipient's bank account annually. Awardees enrolled part-time will receive their funding *pro-rata*. The certificate is normally presented to the recipient at the Trust's annual awards ceremony.
- 3. Closing date**

30 April
Applications are made online via a link on the Awards page (<https://wgweducationaltrust.nz/awards/>) and must be received by the closing date.
- 4. Eligibility criteria**

Applicants must be women who, at the time of applying:

 - a. have attained Confirmed enrolment status in their first PhD in the 12 months before the closing date for the Award;
 - b. are a New Zealand citizen, or have held permanent residence for at least two years;
 - c. can be enrolled full or part-time.
- 5. Application process**

Applicants must provide:

 - a. a certified copy of the academic transcript(s) of her prior qualifications (not required for applicants whose prior qualifications are from the University of Waikato);
 - b. a statement of up to 500 words explaining the thesis to a general audience and timeline for completing the PhD;
 - c. evidence of New Zealand citizenship, or permanent residence of at least two years;
 - d. name and contact details of two referees (one must be the Chief supervisor). Referees should send their confidential reference directly to the Trust.
- 6. Selection**
 - a. The Awards Committee of the GWET will administer the Award;
 - b. The award is primarily made on academic merit;
 - c. The number of awards is subject to availability of funds and the standard of applications. If, in the opinion of the Committee, applications are not of an acceptable standard, no award will be made;
 - d. The Committee's decision is final.
- 7. Awarding**

Award winners will be informed in June of the year the application is submitted.
- 8. Recipient report requirement**
 - a. The Merit Award is for a maximum of three years (or *pro rata* if part time), subject to satisfactory academic progress reports from the awardee's chief supervisor in March of the second and third years of tenure.
 - b. After completing their PhD, awardees must provide the GWET with a brief report (up to 300 words) on their study. The report may be used by the Trust for publicity.