

The Ian McLaren Memorial Scholarship was established in 2017 and supports students undertaking an undergraduate programme in Education at the University of Waikato. Professor McLaren was a long serving staff member in Education and was instrumental in establishing both the three-year teaching programme and later the Bachelor of Education (BEd). He also took a lead role in the amalgamation of Hamilton Teachers' College with The University of Waikato. Professor McLaren was awarded Professor Emeritus in 1993. One Scholarship is available each year.

The funds are held in trust by the University of Waikato Foundation and the Scholarship will be offered until such time as the funds are depleted, approximately 2025.

1. Purpose

- 1.1. The Scholarship provides financial assistance to an undergraduate student who can clearly articulate how their aspirations and interests relate to broader education and future-focused society.

2. Eligibility and Selection Criteria

- 2.1. To be eligible for consideration, applicants must:
 - 2.1.1. be enrolled full-time (a full academic year comprises of 120-points), in the second or consecutive year of an undergraduate programme, in the Division of Education at the University of Waikato in the year of tenure;
 - 2.1.2. have achieved a minimum GPA average of B+ calculated on the last 120-points;
 - 2.1.3. be involved in community and extracurricular activities, as well as have career aspirations and an interest in education and its relationship to society; and
 - 2.1.4. have not previously received this Scholarship.
- 2.2. The application must be endorsed by the relevant Programme Leader.
- 2.3. The Scholarship is open to New Zealand citizens, permanent residents, and international students. However, International students must have completed at least 120-points study at the University of Waikato.
- 2.4. Preference will be given to applicants enrolled in an undergraduate programme who can clearly articulate how their aspirations and interests relate to broader education and future-focused society.

3. Value, Awarding and Tenure

- 3.1. The value of the Scholarship will be **\$5,000** and paid directly into the recipient's bank account, in one lump sum as soon as practicable after acceptance.
- 3.2. The offer of the Scholarship must be accepted by the date indicated in the offer, or the offer shall lapse.
- 3.3. In accepting the Scholarship, the recipient will be deemed to have read, understood, and accepted the conditions of the Scholarship and the [Scholarships Policy](#).
- 3.4. The Scholarship has a maximum tenure of one year and must be taken up in the year for which it is offered.

4. Application

- 4.1. The closing date for applications is **1 August each year**
- 4.2. As part of the online application process, each applicant must provide information about:
 - (i) future career aspirations
 - (ii) an outline of their interest in education and its relationship to society
 - (iii) community involvement and extracurricular activities.

5. Selection Panel

- 5.1. The Selection Panel will comprise Division of Education Associate Dean (Academic), the Division's representative on the Scholarships Committee (in the Chair), and a senior academic appointed by the PVC of Education (or nominees).
- 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 correspondence will be entered into following the selection meeting.

6. Other Conditions

- 6.1. The scholarship may be held together with any award, unless the conditions of the award preclude this.
- 6.2. 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 of 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.
- 6.3. By accepting the Scholarship, the recipient agrees to participate in any publicity concerning the award arranged by the University of Waikato.
- 6.4. 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](#).