

The Te Piringa – Faculty of Law Graduate Scholarship was established in 2011 to enable academically excellent student to undertake a Master of Laws. One scholarship will be offered each year.

1. Purpose

- 1.1. The Scholarship encourages meritorious students to participate in Te Piringa – Faculty of Law Master of Laws programme.

2. Eligibility and Selection Criteria

2.1. To be eligible, candidates must:

- 2.1.1 be eligible for admission into the Master of Laws at the University of Waikato;
- 2.1.2 be enrolling part- or full-time in a Master of Laws at Te Piringa - Faculty of Law at the University of Waikato in the year of tenure.

- 2.2. The Scholarship is open to domestic and international students. **International students must** have completed at least 120-points of study at a New Zealand university.

- 2.3. Candidates employed by the University of Waikato are not eligible for the Scholarship however, employment as a sessional assistant, or similar, may be considered.

2.4. Selection is based on:

- 2.4.1. academic merit - based on the candidates most recent 240-points of study (i.e. the equivalent of two full years' full time enrolment); and
- 2.4.2. personal and financial circumstances may also be considered

- 2.5. **To maintain eligibility** candidates must enrol part- or full-time in a Master of Laws at Te Piringa - Faculty of Law at the University of Waikato in the year of tenure.

3. Value, Tenure and Awarding

- 3.1. The Scholarship will have a value of **up to \$5,000** towards the recipient's tuition fees.
- 3.2. If the Selection Panel finds one or more applicants of sufficient merit they may choose to divide the scholarship between multiple recipients, with the amount offered each at the discretion of the Selection Panel. The amount may be based on criteria such as, but not limited to, total available funding, period of enrolment, grades, financial need, number of credits enrolled, number of applicants.

- 3.3. The Scholarship will be credited to the recipient's tuition fees upon confirmation that the candidate is enrolled part- or full-time in an approved programme of study.
- 3.4. Should a recipient also hold another fees scholarship, Te Piringa - Faculty of Law Graduate Scholarship can be used to pay the balance of any fees (up to the maximum awarded); however, the scholar will forgo any amount of the Scholarship not credited to their fees.
- 3.5. The offer of a Scholarship must be accepted by the date indicated in the offer. If an applicant declines a Scholarship, or does not take it up, the Scholarship may be offered to another applicant.
- 3.6. In accepting the Scholarship, the recipient will be deemed to have read, understood, and accepted the conditions of the Scholarship and the [Scholarships Policy](#).
- 3.7. The Scholarship will have 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 **31 October each year**.
- 4.2. As part of the online application process, each applicant must submit:
 - 4.2.1. a personal statement (using the prescribed template) that sets out the following:
 - a) motivation for enrolling in a Masters degree;
 - b) financial circumstances
 - 4.2.2. Each candidate must also request the submission of an Academic reference.

5. Selection Panel

- 5.1. The Selection Panel will comprise of the Scholarships Committee Representative from the Division of Arts, Law and Social Sciences (in the Chair), the Dean of Law (or their nominee), and the Te Piringa – Faculty of Law representative on the ALPSS Postgraduate Committee.
- 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 other scholarship, award, prize or student allowance, 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. 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 Sponsor into disrepute¹, or is otherwise not complying with the conditions governing the Scholarship and/or the regulations of

¹ See [Code of Student Conduct](#)

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.

- 6.4. 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.
- 6.5. By accepting an Award, the recipient agrees to participate in any publicity concerning the scholarship arranged by the University of Waikato.