

WAIKATO REGIONAL COUNCIL AND WAIKATO-TAINUI – TE ARIKINUI DAME TE ATAIRANGIKAAHU SCHOLARSHIP 2025

This Scholarship was established in 1991 to mark the 25th anniversary of the accession of Te Arikinui, Dame Te Atairangikaahu, to pay tribute to her leadership of the Maaori people and to appropriately ensure the further education of the Maaori people in the Waikato region, at the University of Waikato.

The Waikato Regional Council is closely aligned to the following territorial local authorities: Hamilton City, Waipa District, Hauraki District, Waikato District, Matamata Piako District, Otorohanga District, Waitomo District, Thames Coromandel District, and South Waikato District. This area is largely the lands of the Tainui waka. The Scholarship is funded by the Waikato Regional Council, in conjunction with the Waikato Raupatu River Trust, Waikato-Tainui (the funders). The selection process involves an interview.

1. Purpose

- 1.1. The Scholarship supports Maaori students to undertake full-time undergraduate study at the University of Waikato, particularly in resource management or environmental fields.

2. Eligibility and Selection Criteria

2.1. To be eligible, applicants must:

- 2.1.1. Belong to a whaanau that resides within the Waikato Regional Council's operational boundaries; see <http://www.waikatoregion.govt.nz/Council/About-us/>;
- 2.1.2. Be enrolled in full-time (a full-time academic year comprises 120 points) undergraduate study, up to (and including) honours level; and
- 2.1.3. 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) of Maaori descent.

2.2. Past recipients who still meet the eligibility criteria may reapply in subsequent years.

2.3. Selection is based on:

- 2.3.1. Academic merit, commitment to continue studies, and the applicants' potential (particularly for applicants at first- and second-year levels);
- 2.3.2. Knowledge and application of the Kīngitanga, including the poukai and Koroneihana (particularly for applicants at third- and fourth-year levels);
- 2.3.3. Community involvement (particularly in environmental enhancement activities in the Waikato region);
- 2.3.4. Relevance of studies (particularly enrolment in the resource management or environmental fields).

2.4. Ongoing scholarship eligibility and payment requires that students maintain clause 2.1.2 and attends the award ceremony.

3. Value, Tenure and Awarding

- 3.1. The Scholarship shall be awarded each year by the Waikato Regional Council, in conjunction with the Waikato Raupatu River Trust, Waikato-Tainui (the funders), and the number of scholarships awarded each year is at the discretion of the funders.
 - 3.1.1. Scholarship offers and administration will be coordinated by the by the University of Waikato Scholarships Team.
 - 3.1.2. The presentation of the Scholarship will be organised and administered by the funders.
- 3.2. The scholarship will be paid in one lump sum after an awarding ceremony in B Trimester in the year of award and will have a value follows:
 - 3.2.1. **Up to \$2,300** for first- and second-year level studies.
 - 3.2.2. **Up to \$3,300** for third-year level studies.
 - 3.2.3. **Up to \$4,400** for fourth-year level studies.
- 3.3. There is potential for an internship with the Waikato Regional Council over the long vacation at the end of the year in which the Scholarship is held, which will be paid directly by Waikato Regional Council.
- 3.4. The Scholarship will have a maximum tenure of one year, and must be taken up in the year in which it is offered.
- 3.5. It is expected that the Scholarship will be used to defray course-related expenses.
- 3.6. Successful applicants will be advised of the offer of their Award via their MyWaikato portal and must accept the offer by the prescribed date or the offer will lapse, and the scholarship offered to the next reserve applicant.
- 3.7. In accepting the Scholarship, the recipient will:
 - 3.7.1. Attend the award ceremony organised by the funders.
 - 3.7.2. Agree to participate in any publicity concerning the Scholarship arranged by the funders and/or the University of Waikato.
 - 3.7.3. Understand that the funders may keep application documents for consideration of internship opportunities.
 - 3.7.4. Agree that the funders may request up-to-date contact details from the University of Waikato in future years to assist them to maintain contact with past Scholarship winners.

4. Application

- 4.1. The closing date for the online applications is **30 June every year**.
- 4.2. As part of the online application, each candidate must:
 - 4.2.1. Upload a CV of no more than four A4 pages in length.
 - 4.2.2. Complete the online personal statement form that outlines:
 - What the Kīngitanga means to you

- Your involvement in environmental enhancement activities
 - Any other community involvement
 - Your studies and career plans
- 4.2.3. Provide the address that their whaanau resides at within the Waikato Regional Council's operational boundaries.
- 4.2.4. Request the submission of two references (one academic and one character). A reference cannot be from an immediate whaanau member.
- 4.2.5. The Selection Panel will short-list and select applicants to attend an interview of no more than 20 minutes in length. Interviews will be held on the University of Waikato Hamilton Campus.

5. Selection Panel

- 5.1. The Selection Panel will comprise representatives from the Waikato Regional Council, a representative of Te Arikinui, Dame Te Atairangikaahu from the Waikato Raupatu River Trust, Waikato-Tainui, and the University of Waikato's Deputy Vice-Chancellor Māori (or nominee).
- 5.2. The Selection Panel may refrain from offering Scholarships at any/all levels of study, if it finds no candidates of sufficient merit.
- 5.3. The Panel's decision will be final; no other correspondence will be entered into following the selection process.

6. Other Conditions

- 6.1. The Scholarship may be held together with any other scholarship, award or prize unless the conditions of the other preclude this.
- 6.2. The funders (through the University of Waikato) and/or the University of Waikato may terminate this scholarship at any time and recoup any funds disbursed if the holder withdraws from the University during the tenure of the Scholarship, brings the funders or the University or funder into disrepute¹, or is otherwise not complying with the conditions governing the Scholarship
- 6.3. If a recipient is in receipt of a student allowance, another scholarship or award, or any type of financial assistance, it is their responsibility to check their entitlement to other income and any tax implications.
- 6.4. The Funders may from time to time vary these regulations.

¹ See [Student Code of Conduct](#).