



The Vice-Chancellor's Adult Learners' Awards are designed to recognise the achievements of outstanding adult learners at The University of Waikato. Adult learners are students who have chosen to undertake tertiary study later in life. The Awards celebrate these students, the efforts they go through and the academic achievements and social contributions they make. A maximum of **four** Awards will be offered each year.

## 1. Purpose

1.1. The purpose of the Awards is to assist mature students with their study.

## 2. Eligibility and Selection Criteria

2.1. **To be eligible for nomination**, the nominee must:

- 2.1.1. be at least 25 years old;
- 2.1.2. be enrolled in part- or full-time study at the University of Waikato in their 2nd year, or above, of an undergraduate degree; and,
- 2.1.3. eligible students previously nominated, will be considered.

**2.2. Selection is based on:**

- 2.2.1. academic achievements;
- 2.2.2. endeavour;
- 2.2.3. contribution to student life of the University, and, if relevant, cultural and community involvement.

## 3. Value, Tenure and Awarding

- 3.1. Each Awards will have a value of **\$1,000** and will be paid directly into the recipient's bank account, as soon as practicable.
- 3.2. The tenure of the Award will be one calendar year.
- 3.3. Successful applicants will be advised of the offer of an Award and must accept the offer by the prescribed date or the offer will lapse.
- 3.4. In accepting the Award, the recipient will be deemed to have read, understood, and accepted the conditions of the Award and the [Scholarships Policy](#).

#### 4. Nomination Process

- 4.1. The Awards are **not open to application** but are selected from nominations made by staff of the University of Waikato. Nominations and supporting statement must be submitted by **1 June** each year.
- 4.2. Nominations must be made on the online form and accompanied by a Statement of Support (template provided) and a brief personal statement from the student being nominated.
- 4.3. The Statement of Support must provide evidence of the nominee's:
  - 4.3.1. academic achievements;
  - 4.3.2. endeavour (e.g. through a challenging learning pathway to the university, demonstrating a strong determination to complete his/her studies, negotiating challenging personal circumstances);
  - 4.3.3. contribution to student life of the University (e.g. by willingly sharing new skills, knowledge and abilities with others, by supporting others to engage in learning activities), and, if relevant, cultural and community involvement.

#### 5. Selection Panel

- 5.1. The nominations will be forwarded to the selection panel comprising of, the Chair of the Scholarships Committee (or nominee), the Pro Vice-Chancellor Teaching and Learning, the President of the Waikato Student's Union (or nominee).
- 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 Award may be held together with any bursary, 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 Award.
- 6.3. The Scholarships Committee may terminate this Award at any time, and recoup any funds disbursed, if the holder withdraws from the University of Waikato, brings the Award, University or Sponsor into disrepute<sup>1</sup>, or is otherwise not complying with the conditions governing the Award and/or the regulations of 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.
- 6.4. In Scholarships Committee has the power amend or vary these regulations provided that there is no departure from the main purpose of the Award.

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<sup>1</sup> See [Student Code of Conduct](#)

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