



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 Māori people and to appropriately ensure the further education of the Māori 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.

1. Purpose

- 1.1. The Waikato Regional Council and Waikato-Tainui – Te Arikinui Dame Te Atairangikaahu Scholarship supports Māori students to undertake full-time undergraduate study at the University of Waikato, particularly in resource management or environmental fields.

2. Eligibility

- 2.1. To be eligible, applicants must:
 - 2.1.1. Belong to a family 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 a New Zealand citizen or permanent resident of Māori descent.
- 2.2. Past recipients who still meet the eligibility criteria may reapply in subsequent years.

3. Selection Criteria

- 3.1. When assessing applications, the Panel may take into consideration any/all of the following:
 - Academic merit, commitment to continue studies, and the applicants' potential (particularly for applicants at first- and second-year levels);
 - Knowledge and application of the Kīngitanga, including the poukai and Koroneihana (particularly for applicants at third- and fourth-year levels);
 - Community involvement (particularly in environmental enhancement activities in the Waikato region);
 - Relevance of studies (particularly enrolment in the resource management or environmental fields).
- 3.2. Short-listed applicants will be required to attend an interview on the Hamilton campus.

4. Value and Tenure

- 4.1. The value of the Scholarships will be:
 - Up to \$2,300 for first- and second-year level studies
 - Up to \$3,300 for third-year level studies
 - Up to \$4,400 for fourth-year level studies
- 4.2. The Scholarship will normally be paid in one lump sum and will have a maximum tenure of one year.
- 4.3. 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.
- 4.4. In accepting the Scholarship offer, the recipient will be deemed to have read, understood, and accepted the conditions for the award, the retention of the Scholarship and the [Scholarships Policy](#).
- 4.5. It is expected that the Scholarship will be used to defray course-related expenses.

5. Awarding

- 5.1. The Scholarship shall be awarded each year by the Waikato Regional Council, in conjunction with the Waikato Raupatu River Trust, Waikato-Tainui.
 - 5.1.1. Offer documents will be administered through the Scholarships team in the School of Graduate Research at the University of Waikato.
 - 5.1.2. The presentation of the Scholarship will be organised and administered by the funders.
- 5.2. If an applicant declines a Scholarship, or does not accept the offer in the timeframe provided, the Selection Panel may offer the Scholarship to another person.
- 5.3. The Scholarship must be taken up in the year for which it is offered.
- 5.4. Successful candidates may be offered an internship with the Waikato Regional Council over the long vacation at the end of the year in which the Scholarship is held.

6. Application

- 6.1. The closing date for the online applications is **30 June every year**.
- 6.2. As part of the online application, each candidate must:
 - Upload a CV of no more than four A4 pages in length
 - Complete and upload the template Personal Statement form that includes the following subheadings:
 - What the Kīngitanga means to me
 - My involvement in environmental enhancement activities
 - My other community involvement
 - My studies
 - My career plans
 - Provide proof that their family resides within the Waikato Regional Council's operational boundaries, e.g. a rates invoice
 - Request the submission of two references (one academic and one character)
 - A reference cannot be from an immediate family member.

7. Selection Panel

- 7.1. 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).
- 7.2. The Selection Panel may refrain from offering Scholarships at any/all levels of study, if it finds no candidates of sufficient merit.
- 7.3. The Panel's decision will be final; no other correspondence will be entered into following the selection process.

8. Other Conditions

- 8.1. The Scholarship may be held together with any other scholarship, award or prize unless the conditions of the other preclude this.
- 8.2. The Scholarships Committee may, on the funder's behalf, terminate a scholarship at any time and recoup any funds disbursed if the holder withdraws from the University during the tenure of the Scholarship, brings the scholarship programme or the University or 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.
- 8.3. 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.
- 8.4. By accepting a Scholarship, the recipient agrees to participate in any publicity concerning the Scholarship arranged by the funders and/or the University of Waikato.
 - 8.4.1. The recipient also agrees that the funder may request up-to-date contact details from the University, to assist them to maintain contact with past Scholarship winners.
- 8.5. In consultation with the University, Faculty and/or sponsor, these regulations may be varied from time to time, provided that there is no departure from the main purpose of the Scholarship.

¹ See [Student Code of Conduct](#).