

REGULATIONS

The University of Waikato Excellence Scholarship for Asia was established in 2014 to promote educational opportunities and support talented international students from Asia who are enrolling into foundation, undergraduate, or postgraduate programmes for the first time at the University of Waikato.

Scholarships of NZ\$5,000 will be awarded to students who demonstrate academic excellence. The Scholarship will be applied to tuition fees.

1. Eligibility

1.1. To be eligible, applicants must:

- a) be a citizen of China, Hong Kong, Japan, India, Indonesia, Malaysia, Vietnam, Singapore, Philippines, South Korea, Taiwan or Thailand,
- b) not be classified as a [domestic student](#),
- c) be enrolling for the **first time** at the University of Waikato,
- d) be enrolling into a Foundation Studies, undergraduate or postgraduate programme¹,
- e) be in receipt of a Conditional or Formal Offer of Place from the University of Waikato,
- f) have met the [English language requirements](#) for admission prior to beginning studies,
- g) be commencing full-time study in February, July or November of the year of tenure and intending to study at the University of Waikato for a minimum of 12 months,
- h) have achieved academic excellence² in the qualification submitted to the University of Waikato for admission assessment,
- i) not be coming to the University of Waikato via a sponsoring body³, and
- j) not be coming to the University of Waikato on a Guaranteed Credit Arrangement⁴.

2. Value

2.1. The Scholarship will have a value of NZ\$5,000 and will be applied directly to the recipient's tuition fees upon their arrival at the University of Waikato.

3. Application

3.1. Applications for the Scholarship must be received by the University of Waikato Scholarships Office on the prescribed online form by:

- **31 October annually** (for study commencing from February of the following year)
- **30 April annually** (for study commencing from July of the same year)
- **31 August annually** (for study commencing from November of the same year)

3.2. Applications must be submitted along with an [Application to Enrol](#) (ATE) to the University of Waikato and must include a grading scale of your qualifications (this can normally be found on the reverse side of your academic transcripts).

¹ All programmes are eligible, except Doctor of Philosophy and Master of Philosophy.

² Academic excellence: Under the University of Waikato system, this is a minimum of 70% on a grading scale where the passing mark is 50% and the maximum mark achievable is 100%. Successful candidates should have a grade average that is considered comparable to 70% at the University of Waikato. As grading systems vary between countries and institutions, the University will use international assessment tools and its experience and knowledge of the country and educational systems to assess academic excellence.

³ Examples of a sponsoring body are: governments, institutions and employers who fund scholarships.

⁴ Guaranteed Credit arrangements are where an institution outside of NZ has an agreement with the University of Waikato whereby a student can study part of their degree at the home institution and credit those courses directly into 1 or 2 years of a Waikato degree. Examples of approved arrangements include SISU and ZUCC.

4. Selection Process and Panel

- 4.1. The Scholarships will be offered on the basis of academic excellence (as outlined in clause 1.1. (h) above).
- 4.2. The Selection Panel will comprise the Chair of the Scholarships Committee and the Director – International Business (or their nominees).
- 4.3. The Selection Panel's decisions are final and no correspondence will be entered into following the selection meeting.

5. Awarding

- 5.1. Applicants will be advised of the result of their application in writing as soon as is practicable following the selection meeting.
- 5.2. Successful applicants will receive a Scholarship offer which is valid for 4 weeks. Students must confirm their acceptance of the Scholarship by the date requested in the offer letter or the Scholarship will be reallocated to another student. Upon confirmation the recipient will receive an official Scholarship letter to include with their Immigration New Zealand visa application.

6. Tenure

- 6.1. The Scholarship is tenable only within the year for which it is awarded.

7. Other Conditions

- 7.1. The Scholarship cannot be held in conjunction with other University of Waikato funded tuition fees scholarships or awards and is non-refundable to the student.
- 7.2. For any of the following reasons, the Scholarships Committee may terminate a Scholarship and recoup any funds dispersed if a recipient:
 - a) withdraws from papers without adding sufficient papers to maintain full-time enrolment,
 - b) changes to a qualification not covered under this Scholarship,
 - c) fails to make satisfactory progress⁵ in their first semester of study,
 - d) does not comply with the conditions of their Immigration New Zealand Student Visa, or
 - e) does not comply with the conditions governing the Scholarship and/or the regulations of the University of Waikato.
- 7.3. The holder of a Scholarship will have the right to appeal to the appropriate University Committee⁶ against any decision to terminate a Scholarship.
- 7.4. In signing and returning the Scholarship acceptance form, the student will be deemed to have read, understood and accepted the conditions of the Scholarship and agreed to participate in any publicity concerning the Scholarship as required by the University of Waikato.

⁵ Satisfactory progress: passing a minimum of 30 points per semester.

⁶ Student appeals for University of Waikato Scholarships awarded for undergraduate or completely taught postgraduate level study should be made to the Education Committee; student appeals for research level study (e.g. Masters) should be made to the Research Committee.