

One Billion Impact Scholarship for Future Changemakers

Faculty/LSRI:	All
Applicable Programme:	First year of full-time study for an undergraduate degree programme at Waipapa Taumata Rau University of Auckland (University)
Application process:	Application is made to the Scholarships Office
Term:	One year
Purpose:	For costs directly related to study at the University
Number on offer:	One
Value:	Up to \$10,000
Code:	1250

Specific Terms of the Scholarship

1. Scholarship description

- (1) The objective of the scholarship is to recognise and support the next generation of leaders and changemakers – young people who are not only academically excellent, but who have already made a difference in their communities, and who are driven by the belief that bold, values driven leadership can improve the lives of millions.
- (2) A recipient must use the scholarship funds for costs directly related to their study at the University.
Note: To avoid doubt, costs directly related to study include living expenses to enable study.
- (3) The terms of the scholarship comprise sections 5 to 23 of the Scholarships and Prizes Statute 2025 ([Statute](#)), these Specific Terms, and any requirements stated on the application form or stipulated in writing by the Director.

2. Commencement and term

- (1) The scholarship will commence in either Semester One or Two in the year immediately following the final year of enrolment at a secondary school or kura in accordance with the recipient's enrolment. The Director may approve a request by a recipient to defer the commencement of the scholarship for a period specified by the Director if the Director considers there are compelling medical reasons or adverse personal circumstances beyond a recipient's control.
- (2) The scholarship is for a term of one year. The Director may approve a request by a recipient to suspend the scholarship after it has commenced for a period specified by the Director if the Director considers that there are compelling medical reasons or adverse personal circumstances beyond a recipient's control.

Note: See section 11 (Deferral and suspension) of the [Statute](#).

3. Scholarship value

- (1) The scholarship comprises:
 - (a) \$10,000 paid in two instalments in the first two semesters of study; and
 - (b) the opportunity for career mentoring from the donor.

4. Eligibility criteria

- (1) The eligibility criteria for the scholarship are:

An applicant must be:

- (a) a New Zealand Citizen or Permanent Resident; and

Note: New Zealand Permanent Residents have been granted a [Permanent Resident Visa](#) by Immigration New Zealand.

- (b) currently enrolled in Year 13 at a New Zealand secondary school or kura; and
- (c) intending to enrol full-time in the first year of an undergraduate degree or conjoint degree at the University in the year directly after completing secondary school or kura.

Note: See section 6 (Eligibility criteria) of the [Statute](#).

5. Selection process and criteria

- (1) The scholarship is granted by the Vice-Chancellor after receiving a recommendation or nomination from the Selection Committee.
- (2) The Selection Committee comprises the Pro Vice-Chancellor Education (or nominee), a representative of Schools and Community Engagement Team, and a representative of Alumni Relations and Development.
- (3) The selection criteria for the grant of the scholarship are:
 - (a) outstanding academic ability based on results achieved at Year 12 in Level 2 or higher in the National Certificate of Educational Achievement (NCEA), or CIE, or IB, or an equivalent qualification; and
 - (b) all round excellence in personal achievements including sporting achievements, leadership achievements, music achievements and involvement in community activities; and
 - (c) the applicant's leadership vision for impacting positive societal change in one or more of the following areas:
 - (i) wellness; and/or
 - (ii) sustainable development; and/or
 - (iii) technology and AI; and/or
 - (iv) advocacy and policy;as assessed by a personal statement including the applicant's future goals and aspirations, how their values align with their vision, demonstrated leadership evidencing change and creating difference; and related extracurricular activities the applicant has been involved in whilst at secondary school or kura.
 - (d) endorsement from the applicant's school or kura.

- (4) Consideration may also be given to the applicant's financial need as determined by the applicant's eligibility for a StudyLink Student Allowance and personal financial circumstances as assessed by a personal statement.

Note: See section 8 (Selection) of the [Statute](#).

6. Additional conditions of grant

- (1) The additional conditions of grant under section 9(1)(c) of the Statute are:
- (a) Applicants who have been awarded a scholarship must accept their offer by the date stated in the awarding notification, otherwise the scholarship offer will be forfeited.
 - (b) If a recipient enrolls at another tertiary institution in New Zealand or overseas, the scholarship will be forfeited.

Note: See section 9 (Conditions of grant) of the [Statute](#).

7. Admission and enrolment

- (1) A recipient must achieve admission to the University with an NCEA rank score of at least 270, or a CIE rank score of at least 330, or an IB score of at least 36, or an equivalent for other qualifications.
- (2) A recipient must receive confirmation of unconditional enrolment in full-time study in the applicable programme, and all tuition and other fees must be paid in accordance with section 10(1) of the Statute by the final date on which a student may add or delete courses without incurring a late enrolment fee.

Note: See section 10 (Admission and enrolment) of the [Statute](#).

8. General requirements

- (1) During the term of the scholarship, a recipient must:
- (a) Achieve a GPA of at least 6.0 (equivalent to a B+ average) in their first semester of study based on all the courses undertaken in that semester.
 - (b) Where a recipient does not achieve a GPA of 6.0 in their first semester of study, their eligibility to retain the scholarship and remain in accommodation will be reviewed, taking into consideration their overall GPA for the semester and any exceptional circumstances beyond the student's control.

Note: See section 12 (General requirements) of the [Statute](#).

9. Concurrent scholarships

- (1) A recipient may not hold the scholarship concurrently with a University funded accommodation scholarship.
- (2) A recipient may only hold the scholarship concurrently with any other scholarship, award, grant, or bursary granted (or to be granted) to the recipient by the University or another organisation if the requirements of section 14(1) of the Statute are met and with the approval of the Director.

Note: See section 14 (Concurrent scholarships) of the [Statute](#).

10. Applications

- (1) Applications must be made using the online application portal on the Scholarships Office website.

Note: See section 5 (Applications) of the [Statute](#).

11. Definitions

- (1) A word that is defined in section 23 (Definitions) of the [Statute](#) has the same meaning when used in these Specific Terms.

12. Commencement

These Specific Terms come into force on 15 October 2026.

Document control

Approved by: Pro Vice-Chancellor Education

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