

The Michael Baldwin Memorial Scholarship was established in 2004 in memory of Michael Baldwin, a member of staff at The University of Waikato at the time of his death in 2003. Michael had taught for several years in Papua New Guinea – at the institute currently known as the University of Goroka – before his appointment to the Centre for Foundation Studies. The Scholarship commemorates Michael's commitment to teaching and to assisting others in their educational endeavours and was made possible through the generosity of a donation by the Baldwin family. Further details on Michael Baldwin can be found [here](#).

One \$10,000 scholarship will be offered each year until 2035 when it is anticipated that the funds will be fully depleted.

1. Purpose

- 1.1. The Scholarship provides financial support for promising students who are citizens of the South Pacific Region undertaking any programme of study at the University of Waikato. It is specifically intended for those who will contribute to the future of development/society in the South Pacific Region.

2. Eligibility and Selection Criteria

- 1.1. Applicants may be residing in New Zealand or offshore at the time of application.

To be eligible, applicants must:

- 1.1.1. be citizens of any South Pacific nation as defined in the UN [Coastal States of the South Pacific](#), but **excluding** citizens of New Zealand and/or Australia (including anyone who holds a dual citizenship with a South Pacific nation and New Zealand/Australia); and
- 1.1.2. be either enrolled or intending to enrol in an approved full-time programme of study at the University of Waikato in the year of tenure of the Scholarship; and
- 1.1.3. show commitment to contribute to development/society in the South Pacific Region in the Future; and
- 1.2. Previous recipients may apply again but must have passed all papers in the year(s) they held the scholarship.
- 1.3. Applicants with a NZAID Scholarship **are not eligible** to apply for additional funding and should not submit an application.
- 1.4. **Selection is primarily based on:**
 - 1.4.1. The applicant's current, future or prior contributions to community development/society in the South Pacific region.
 - 1.4.2. Academic merit.

- 1.5. Preference may be given to:
 - 1.5.1. applicants who can demonstrate a need for financial support to undertake tertiary study.
 - 1.5.2. citizens of Papua New Guinea.
- 1.6. **To maintain eligibility**, students offered the Scholarship must:
 - 1.6.1. Be accepted and enrol full-time (i.e., in 120 points) in the programme indicated in the application in the year of tenure of the scholarship. **Note.** any variation in the academic programme that materially affects the qualification for which the recipient is enrolled will require the approval of a designated nominee of the Selection Panel and can be requested by emailing scholarships@waikato.ac.nz.
 - 1.6.2. To receive the second cash instalment of the scholarship the recipient must pass all papers in A Trimester of the year of tenure.
- 1.7. Successful candidates are strongly encouraged to be a part of the [Imua Programme](#) during the tenure of this Scholarship.

2. Value, Awarding and Tenure

- 2.1. The Scholarship has a value of **\$10,000**, of which:
 - 2.1.1. \$5,000 will be paid directly to the recipient after the withdrawal date of A Trimester.
 - 2.1.2. \$5,000 will be paid directly to the recipient after the withdrawal date of B Trimester, and is conditional on clauses in 1.7 being maintained.
- 2.2. **Note:** the Scholarship does **not** cover all of the travel, living, and course-related costs for overseas students studying in New Zealand. Candidates **will require additional funding** in order to carry out their study in New Zealand.
- 2.3. The successful applicant will be advised of the offer of a Scholarship via their MyWaikato portal and must accept the offer by the prescribed date or the offer will lapse.
- 2.4. In accepting the Scholarship, the recipient will be deemed to have read, understood, and accepted the conditions of the Scholarship and the [Scholarships Policy](#).
- 2.5. The Scholarship has a tenure of one year.

3. Application

- 3.1. The closing date for applications is **15 November**.
- 3.2. Applicants must complete an online application form, which includes the following:
 - 3.2.1. Completion of the online portion of the form seeking information specific to the applicant that details:
 - a. The applicant's current, future or prior contributions to community development/society in the South Pacific region;

- b. Any financial need and details of any funding sources, additional to this scholarship, available to support the candidate's travel to, and studies in, New Zealand.
 - c. **Previous recipients only** also need to include a statement about the impact the scholarship has made.
 - 3.2.2. a CV (no more than 2 A4 pages); and
 - 3.2.3. proof of citizenship; and
 - 3.2.4. verified copies of academic transcripts (including grading scale) from any other tertiary institution(s) attended.
- 3.3. As part of the application process, the candidate must also arrange the submission of two confidential references: an academic reference (attesting to the candidate's likely academic progress at University), and a character reference. Neither reference may be from an immediate member of their family. It is the responsibility of the candidate to ensure that all references are received on or before the closing date of this Scholarship. Failure to do so may result in the student not being considered for this Scholarship, which is at the discretion of the panel.
- 3.4. **For previous recipients only**, the grades while on the scholarship will be supplied to the panel by the School of Graduate Research – Scholarships.

4. Selection Panel

- 4.1. The Selection Panel will comprise of a representative of the Scholarships Committee nominated by the Chair as chairperson, the AVC-Pacific (or nominee) and a representative of the Baldwin Family.
- 4.2. The Selection Panel may refrain from making a recommendation if it finds no applicants of sufficient merit.
- 4.3. The Selection Panel's decision is final, and no correspondence will be entered into following the selection meeting.

5. Other Conditions

- 5.1. The Scholarship may be held with any other bursary, scholarship, or award, provided the regulations of the other award allow co-tenure..
- 5.2. The Scholarship may be held as part of any student exchange agreement that may be arranged from time to time between the University of Goroka (Papua New Guinea) and the University of Waikato. However, the awarding of a Scholarship shall not be taken to imply that any such agreement does, or will, exist.
- 5.3. If a recipient is in receipt of a student allowance, another scholarship, or any type of financial assistance, it is their responsibility to check their entitlement to other income and any tax implications.

- 5.4. If, during the tenure of the Scholarship, a recipient's circumstances change in such a manner that their continued eligibility for the Scholarship may be affected, they must inform the Scholarships Committee (via scholarships@waikato.ac.nz) immediately.
- 5.5. The Scholarships Committee may terminate the Scholarship at any time, and recoup any funds disbursed, if the holder withdraws from the University of Waikato, brings the Scholarship, University or funder 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.
- 5.6. By accepting the Scholarship, the recipient agrees to participate in any publicity concerning the award arranged by the University of Waikato.
- 5.7. The Scholarships Committee has the power to amend or vary these regulations in consultation with the donor provided that there is no departure from the main purpose of the Scholarship.

¹ See [Code of Student Conduct](#)