

Waikato Graduate Women Educational Trust
Ngā Raukura Wāhine Mātauranga o Waikato

Merit Award for Masters Study at the University of Waikato

1. Purpose

To assist women students enrolled full- or part-time in a University of Waikato research masters qualification of at least 120 points with a research thesis of at least 90 points.

2. Funding available

\$2000 per award and a certificate. The funds will be transferred to the recipient's nominated bank account and the certificate is normally presented to the recipient at the Trust's annual awards ceremony.

3. Closing date

30 April

Applications, which must be received by the closing date, can be emailed to wgwawards@gmail.com or posted to the Waikato Graduate Women Awards Committee, PO Box 148, Hamilton 3240. Applicants are responsible for ensuring their referees send the confidential reference by the closing date.

4. Eligibility criteria

Applicants must be women who, at the time of applying are:

- a. enrolled full- or part-time in their thesis paper, which must be worth at least 90 points;
- b. a New Zealand citizen, or have held permanent residence for at least two years.

5. Application process

Applicants must provide:

- a. a certified copy of the academic transcript(s) of her prior qualifications (not required for applicants who have their prior qualifications at the University of Waikato);
- b. a summary of up to 500 words explaining the thesis topic to a general audience;
- c. name and contact details of her thesis supervisor (for a reference). The referee must send their confidential reference directly to the Trust;
- d. evidence of New Zealand citizenship, or permanent residence of at least two years.

6. Selection

- a. The Awards Committee of the Waikato Graduate Women Educational Trust will administer the Award. The Committee's decision is final;
- b. The award is primarily made on academic merit;
- c. The number of awards will be subject to availability of funds and the standard of applications. If, in the opinion of the Committee, applications are not of an acceptable standard, no award will be made.

7. Awarding

Award winners will be informed in June of the year the application is submitted.