

**Waikato Graduate Women Educational Trust**  
**Ngā Raukura Wāhine Mātauranga o Waikato**

**Dr Vivienne Cassie-Cooper Award – Information**

*This award recognises Dr Vivienne Cassie-Cooper's continued research output over her lifetime, often unpaid. It was first awarded in 2018.*

**1. Purpose**

To enable women returning to study (full-time or part-time) after a period in the paid or voluntary workforce or caring for whānau, to enrol in their first Masters degree. Women already enrolled can apply but the award will be *pro rata*.

**2. Funding available**

\$5,000 over two years (or part-time equivalent). Instalments will be transferred to the recipient's nominated bank account, subject to satisfactory progress.

**3. Closing dates**

30 April.

**4. Eligibility criteria**

Applicants must:

- a. be women students who, at the time of applying for the Award are at least 30 years old;
- b. have spent at least three years in the workforce/community service and/or caring for family/whanau members since graduating with their most recent tertiary qualification;
- c. have evidence of being accepted in a Masters programme at Bethlehem Tertiary Institute, Toi Ohomai Te Pūkenga, the University of Waikato, or Wintec Te Pūkenga;
- d. be a New Zealand citizen or have held permanent residence for at least two years;
- e. can be enrolled full or part-time.

**5. Application process**

Applications are made online via a link on the Awards page (<https://wgweducationaltrust.nz/awards/>) and must be received by the closing date.

**6. Selection**

- a. The Awards Committee of the Waikato Graduate Women Educational Trust will administer the Award;
- b. The Awards Committee will take into consideration the academic merit of the degree proposal and the relevance of the course of study to the community;
- c. The number of awards is 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;
- d. The Committee's decision is final.

**7. Awarding**

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

**8. Recipient report requirement**

Recipients must provide the Waikato Graduate Women Educational Trust with an annual progress report and a final report upon completing their Masters. The Trust may use the reports for publicity.