

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

**University of Waikato Merit Award for Doctoral Study - Information**

- 1. Purpose**  
To assist women students enrolled for a PhD at the University of Waikato.
- 2. Funding available**  
\$3,300 per year for up to three years, with an additional \$1,000 once the candidate supplies evidence they have submitted their thesis for examination. The funds will be transferred to the recipient's bank account annually. Awardees enrolled part-time will receive their funding *pro-rata*. A certificate will be presented to the recipient at the Trust's annual awards ceremony.
- 3. Closing date**  
30 April.
- 4. Eligibility criteria**  
Applicants must be women who, at the time of applying:
  - a. are enrolled in their first PhD;
  - b. have had their enrolment status for their PhD confirmed within the 12 months before the closing date for the Award;
  - c. are a New Zealand citizen, or have held permanent residence for at least two years;
  - d. 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 award is primarily made on academic merit;
  - 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**
  - a. The Merit Award is for a maximum of three years (or *pro rata* if part time), subject to the awardee providing satisfactory academic progress reports from their chief supervisor in March of the second and third years of tenure.
  - b. After completing their PhD, awardees must provide the Waikato Graduate Women Educational Trust with a brief report (up to 300 words) on their study. The Trust may use the report for publicity.