

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

**Elizabeth Bisley Memorial Prize in English**

**1. Purpose**

This annual prize, which was established in 1961, recognises the top scholar completing post-graduate English papers for the year. It is named in memory of Elizabeth Bisley, one of the women instrumental in reviving the Waikato Branch of the New Zealand Federation of University Women in 1955 and the revived branch's first President. The prize was from funds set up by the Branch and is currently funded by the Waikato Graduate Women Educational Trust's income.

**2. Prize**

\$1,000 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**

1 December.

**4. Eligibility criteria**

- a. The top student completing at least 60 points in Level 500 English papers in the academic year of the closing date of the Award;
- b. All students (i.e. any gender, domestic or international) enrolled in a minimum of 60 points of Level 500 English papers in the academic year preceding the award.

**5. Selection process**

- a. The recipient will be selected by the Head of English (or appropriate person in the Division of Arts, Law, Psychology and Social Sciences);
- b. If there is no candidate of acceptable standard, no prize will be awarded;
- c. The recipient must indicate whether they are willing to have their name listed on the Waikato Graduate Women Educational Trust Awards webpage;
- d. The name of the recipient must be forwarded to the Scholarships Office, University of Waikato annually, on or before 1 December, and a copy of the information sent to the Waikato Graduate Women Educational Trust Awards Committee by email to [awards@wgweducationaltrust.nz](mailto:awards@wgweducationaltrust.nz).