

# Waikato Graduate Women Educational Trust

## MERIT AWARD FOR DOCTORAL STUDY AT THE UNIVERSITY OF WAIKATO

The Waikato Graduate Women Educational Trust offers annually to women students, enrolled for the PhD at the University of Waikato, awards of \$3000 a year for up to three years, subject to availability of funds.

**Closing Date: 30 April**

### Regulations for the Award

1. The name of the Award shall be the Waikato Graduate Women Educational Trust Merit Award for Doctoral Study.
2. The Award shall consist of \$3000 per year for up to three years, an additional \$1,000 in the final year, and complementary membership of the branch for the tenure of the Award.
3. Applicants for the Award shall be women students, who:
  - a) have been accepted by the Postgraduate Studies Committee of the University of Waikato for confirmed enrolment fulltime for the PhD degree for the first time in the 12 months prior to the closing date for applications for the Award; and
  - b) hold New Zealand citizenship or have held permanent residence for a period of at least five years.
4. The Award shall be made primarily on academic merit. It shall be awarded for a maximum of three years subject to a satisfactory academic progress report from the awardee's chief supervisor in March of the second and third years of tenure.
5. Applications must be received by the Awards Committee, PO Box 148, Hamilton, no later than 30 April each year.

Applicants shall be responsible for ensuring that their referees forward references, using the forms provided with the Award Application pack, to the Committee by the closing date for applications (30 April).
6. Applicants shall provide:
  - a) a certified copy of her academic transcript (including both undergraduate and graduate study) **if these studies were not completed at the University of Waikato**
  - b) a brief summary of the applicant's PhD thesis topic (no more than one A4 side)
  - c) the names and addresses of three academic referees including the Chief Supervisor
  - d) evidence of New Zealand citizenship or permanent residence.

7. The Award shall be administered by the Awards Committee, which shall include at least one member who is familiar with the doctoral programme of the University of Waikato and who has contact with other universities.
8. If, in the opinion of the Awards Committee, applicants are not of acceptable standard, no Award shall be made.
9. Decisions made by the Awards Committee shall be final.
10. The number of Awards shall be subject to:
  - a) availability of funds;
  - b) standard of applicants
11. The Award winners shall be announced in June of the year in which applications are received.
12. Holders of the Waikato Graduate Women Educational Trust Merit Award for Doctoral Study should provide a brief report on their doctoral studies to the Awards Committee upon completion of their PhD.