

# Scholarship & Award Regulations

## International Study Support Scholarships

**School(s) and Unit(s): All**

This document sets out the regulations for the scholarship ('Scholarship') or award ('Award') named below, as well as the obligations of recipients ('Recipient') and Unitec in regards to this Scholarship. The administrative processes to support awarding this Scholarship will be managed by Unitec having regard to any applicable Unitec policies and Unitec's commitment to Te Noho Kotahitanga.

### **1. SCHOLARSHIP NAME: International Study Support Scholarships**

#### **2. PURPOSE**

International Study Support Scholarships were established in 2021 to support International students who have been affected financially by COVID-19 and/or are in genuine temporary financial hardship. This fund is to assist International students to complete their studies at Unitec by providing funds for education related costs.

#### **3. VALUE AND DURATION**

**3.1 Number of Recipients:** Approximately fifteen (15) scholarships will be granted in 2021 - contingent on funding.

**3.2 Benefit(s) to Recipient:** The value of the scholarship will range between \$500 to \$2,500, dependent on need disclosed within the scholarship application.

#### **3.3 Payment of benefit(s):**

- Each Recipient will receive one payment by cheque or electronic funds transfer to their nominated bank account.
- Payment will usually be made during week six of Semester 1 or 2.
- Payments are subject to the Recipient successfully satisfying ongoing eligibility criteria as defined in clause 8 below.

#### **4. DURATION**

The duration of the Scholarship is one semester.

#### **5. ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA**

To be eligible for the Scholarship, an applicant must meet all of the following criteria:

- Be an international student and hold a valid student visa.
- Enrolled full-time in a Level 3-8 Unitec programme of study at the time of application.
- Are in genuine temporary hardship and can show evidence of this within the scholarship application.
- Not receiving other government financial support (i.e., refugee and migrant support)

## 6. RECIPIENT SELECTION CRITERIA

- Financial Need, as demonstrated within the scholarship application.
  - Please note applicants will be required to show 1 months' worth of NZ bank statements in the student's name.
  - Students with a Funds Transfer Scheme (FTS) will also be required to show that they have utilised all funding available within their FTS account
- Preference may be given to students who:
  - Are Sole Parents/Caregivers
  - Have 1 or more dependents
  - Have completed at least 2 semesters of full-time study at Unitec
  - Have passed at least 50% of courses during the previous 2 semesters of study at Unitec.

## 7. SELECTION

Eligible candidates will be presented to a Scholarship Selection Committee, which will undertake the selection of Recipients based on the selection criteria stipulated in clause 6.

The Scholarships Selection Committee will be made up of at least three relevant members of Unitec. The Scholarships Selection Committee will be chaired by the Director, Student Success. Offers will be authorised by the Director, Student Success.

## 8. ONGOING RECIPIENT ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

### 8.1 Academic progress:

N/A

### 8.2 Unitec Enrolment:

The Recipient must continue to be enrolled full-time in the specified Unitec level 3 and above programme for which the scholarship was awarded, for the duration of the Scholarship.

### 8.3 Leave / Deferral / Programme withdrawal:

If the Recipient withdraws from the Unitec course/programme after the start of their programme, the Scholarship will be terminated and any payment already made for the semester in which they withdraw may be required to be reimbursed to Unitec.

### 8.4 Other obligations and conditions:

- The offer of the Scholarship is made subject to all information provided by the Recipient being true and accurate.
- By accepting the offer of the Scholarship, each Recipient agrees to the Regulations.
- For the duration of the scholarship the recipient is not permitted to hold other Unitec scholarships, unless an equity-based scholarship is approved by exception.
- The offer of the Scholarship is only valid for the intake defined in the Scholarship letter of offer and cannot be deferred.

- The Recipient is responsible for advising the Scholarships Manager of any changes in circumstances that would make them ineligible for continuation of the Scholarship, e.g. reducing study load to part time, taking leave of absence or deferring study.
- Any change in the Recipient's circumstances not addressed by these Regulations will be considered by the Scholarships Manager and/or the Scholarship Selection Committee case-by-case.

## **9. TERMINATION OF RECIPIENT'S SCHOLARSHIP**

The Scholarship will terminate:

- If the Recipient ceases to meet the eligibility criteria; or
- If the Recipient breaches any regulations of the Scholarship; or
- If Unitec determines that the student is guilty of misconduct and after consultation with the Director Student Success (or their nominee), deems that it is not appropriate for the Recipient to continue to hold the Scholarship.
- If Unitec terminates the Recipients Scholarship for any of the above reasons, after the start of Semester 1 or 2, any Scholarship payment already made may be asked to be reimbursed to Unitec