Scholarship & Award Regulations

Bachelor of Computing Systems Scholarships

School(s) and Unit(s): Computing, Electrical & Applied Technology

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: Bachelor of Computing Systems Scholarships

2. PURPOSE
Bachelor of Computing Systems Scholarships were established in 2021 to encourage students beginning their Bachelor of Computing Systems at Unitec and to help cover education related costs.

3. VALUE AND DURATION
3.1 Number of Recipients: Approximately six (6) scholarships will be granted in 2021 - contingent on funding.

3.2 Benefit(s) to Recipient: The maximum value of the scholarship will be $1,000 to each Recipient to assist in covering education related costs.

3.3 Payment of benefit(s):
- Each Recipient will receive two payments by cheque or electronic funds transfer to their nominated bank account.
- Each payment will be up to $1,000 per semester.
- Payments 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:
- Have submitted an application to Unitec and meet the entry criteria to be admitted fulltime[*] into the Bachelor of Computing Systems
- Must be starting their first semester of the Bachelor of Bachelor of Computing Systems in 2021 or transferring and progressing into the second year of Bachelor of Computing Systems from the New Zealand Diploma in Information Systems (Level 5)] in 2021

6. RECIPIENT SELECTION CRITERIA

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- Motivation to succeed in computing systems, as demonstrated in the scholarship application.
- Career Aspirations, as demonstrated in the scholarship application.
- In addition to the above selection criteria, preference may be given to applicants who meet one or more of the following criteria:
  - Student progressing from Unitec's New Zealand Certificate in Information Technology (Essentials) or New Zealand Diploma in Information Systems (L5)
  - Identifies as female
  - Maori
  - Pacific
  - Under 25 years of age
  - Disabled and Neurodiverse Learners
  - First in family to pursue tertiary education

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 Head of School, Computing, Electrical & Applied Technology, and 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 (minimum of 60 credits) per semester in the Bachelor of Computing Systems.
- May, in exceptional circumstances[*] apply to the Scholarships Manager for the Scholarship Selection Committee's approval of a part-time study load. The Recipient with an approved part-time study load may receive reduced Scholarship payments for the period of part-time study. The reduced Scholarship payment amount will be determined by the Scholarship Selection Committee at the time of the Recipient's application for approval of part time study.

8.3 Leave / Deferral / Programme withdrawal:

If the Recipient defers the Unitec offer or 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.

*: Exceptional circumstances include ongoing disability, illness, carer's responsibilities and other educational barriers and are considered case-by-case

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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.
- The Recipient will be invited to consent to allowing their name, photograph and a short article to be used for the promotion of Unitec.

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

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