

Scholarship & Award Regulations

Ngāti Whātua Ōrākei Scholarship

The following regulations relate to a scholarship offered by Unitec New Zealand Limited (**Unitec**). By applying for the scholarship, you agree to be bound by these regulations.

1. SCHOLARSHIP NAME: Ngāti Whātua Ōrākei Scholarships (“Scholarship”)

2. PURPOSE OF THE SCHOLARSHIP

2.1 The purpose of the Scholarship is to encourage Māori students who are members of Ngāti Whātua Ōrākei to pursue tertiary education at Unitec. Recipients of any and all Māori focused scholarships are expected to be involved and participate in the Unitec Māori Community.

2.2 Unitec recognises that financial support is an important consideration for ākongā considering study. The scholarship provides both financial support and mentoring opportunities in the first year of study.

3. SCHOLARSHIP FINANCIAL VALUE

3.1 The value of the scholarship is \$2,500 for a full year of full-time study; or pro-rata for one semester full-time programmes.

3.2 The scholarship is provided to learners to cover education related costs and is paid:

- in two equal payments of \$1,250.00 each semester; or
- where the student’s programme is only one semester long by one payment of \$1,250.00.

3.3 A pro-rata value will also be considered for learners who need to study part-time because they are either disabled learners or have carers responsibilities as either sole parents or whanau/fanau members.

3.4 You may not defer or suspend the scholarship without the prior written permission of the Director - Māori Success.

3.5 Once awarded for a particular programme and School, the Scholarship is not transferrable to another Unitec programme or School, without prior written approval.

4. DURATION

4.1 The scholarship is awarded for one year i.e., two semesters of consecutive study. Where a student is awarded the scholarship for a programme that lasts for one semester, then the duration of the scholarship is one semester only.

5. WHO IS ELIGIBLE

5.1 To apply, you must:

- be a domestic student, i.e., a New Zealand citizen or Permanent Resident
- be a registered member of Ngāti Whātua Ōrākei
- be enrolling for the first time at Unitec
- be enrolled as a Māori student
- be starting in a programme from Level 3 to 9 (from Level 3 undergraduate certificate through to Master’s degree level) that takes at least one semester of full-time study to complete.

6. HOW TO APPLY

6.1 Apply online using the form provided: [Ngāti Whātua Ōrākei Scholarship Application](#). You can complete the form to apply or use it to provide your details and opt to complete your application by video submission.

6.2 As part of your application you will need to respond to the following questions:

- why are you studying at Unitec and what are you hoping to do with your degree after you complete it?
- what are your aspirations for Ngāti Whātua Ōrākei?
- how do you give back to whānau/fanau, community and the Unitec whānau/community?
- during the year, we have Māori specific events – e.g. Māori Orientation, Whānau/Fanau evenings, Kahurangi, Matariki and Te Wiki o Te Reo, please describe how you can contribute to these events
- how will this scholarship help support you with your studies?

6.3 If you are a disabled learner, sole parent, or a learner with other carer responsibilities, who is applying to study part-time, you will also be asked how does being able to study part-time remove barriers and help you to succeed in your goals?

7. SELECTION

7.1 Once scholarship applications close, the Scholarships & Mentoring Team (“**Team**”) check that the applicants have:

- completed the online application and/or video submission
- applied to study a relevant course at Unitec; and
- enrolled as a New Zealand citizen or Permanent Resident
- enrolled as a Māori student

7.2 The Team send all eligible applications out to the Māori Scholarship Selection Committee for review.

7.3 Up to three (3) scholarships will be awarded in 2022, dependent on available funding.

8. COMMITTEE PREFERENCING

8.1 It is important to Unitec to manaaki the success of our learners and communities. Our strategic vision includes parity goals for Māori, Pacific, and under 25 learners, and goals to enhance the success of disabled and neurodiverse learners. We also want to manaaki the success of first in family to pursue tertiary education, sole parents, and International students.

8.2 Preference may be given to learners who demonstrate that financial support will have an impact on their ability to pursue their studies.

8.3 Shortlisted applicants may be interviewed.

9. SELECTION COMMITTEES

9.1 Selection committees are made up of at least three relevant members of Unitec, including the Director – Māori Success (or their delegate) as Committee Chair (“**Committee**”).

9.2 A member from Ngāti Whātua Ōrākei will be invited to participate in the selection committee review or may request to review a shortlist advised by the Selection Committee.

9.3 The Committee review all applications received and will make award recommendations based on a combination of:

- responses to the scholarship questions;
- Unitec priority group goals – namely to achieve parity for Māori, Pacific and Under 25 students, and enhance the success of Disabled and Neurodiverse learners, sole parents, and ākonga with carers responsibilities; and
- Ngāti Whātua Ōrākei preferences: students enrolling in Engineering, Construction, Sciences and/or Health, Digital Technology and/or Multi-Media, Professional Services and Teaching programmes.

9.4 Committee award decisions are authorised by the Director, Student Success, upon confirmation from Ngāti Whātua Ōrākei of their final Recipient selection.

10. WHAT HAPPENS AFTER SELECTION

10.1 The Scholarships & Mentoring team are the kaitiakitanga of the scholarships process. They will:

- let students know scholarship application outcomes
- check enrolments at week three of the semester as the final eligibility check
- set up the first payments – to be made to students usually in week eight of semester 1
- manage ongoing eligibility checks, mentoring opportunities, and second payments

11. ONGOING ELIGIBILITY

11.1 Academic progress: Learners who are awarded the scholarship are expected to achieve Pass grades for all courses, unless exceptional circumstances prevail.

11.2 Learners who fail one or more courses will be assisted by the Scholarships & Mentoring team to explain their circumstances via a breach appeals process.

11.3 Appeals are considered by the awarding scholarship selection committees & Ngāti Whātua Ōrākei. The committee will decide whether to terminate or maintain the scholarship, and will also provide academic assistance, wherever possible, to support the learner.

11.4 Unitec Enrolment: Learners are expected to maintain their enrolment status, i.e., be enrolled full-time (minimum of 60 credits) per semester, or part-time as stipulated when their scholarship was awarded.

11.5 Programme withdrawal: If you withdraw from the Unitec course/programme after the start of the course/programme, the Scholarship will be terminated and Unitec may require you to reimburse any payment(s) already made for the semester in which you withdraw.

12. TERMINATION OF A SCHOLARSHIP

12.1 Your scholarship will be ended/terminated by Unitec if:

- you withdraw from the Unitec course/programme after the start of the programme
- you cease to meet the eligibility criteria;

- you breach the academic and enrolment eligibility requirements and don't successfully appeal; or
- Unitec determines that you are guilty of misconduct and after consultation with the Director Student Success (or their nominee), deems that it is not appropriate for you to continue to hold the Scholarship.

12.2 If Unitec terminates the Recipients Scholarship for any of the above reasons, after the start of Semester 1 or 2, Unitec may require any Scholarship payment(s) already made be reimbursed to Unitec.

13. 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, the Recipient agrees to these 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 Recipient must connect with Ngāti Whātua and participate in tertiary events organised by Ngāti Whātua Ōrākei. The Scholarships and Mentoring Team will assist with this by connecting the Recipient with the Collective Impact Team at Ngāti Whātua.
- The Recipient is responsible for advising the Scholarships Manager of any changes in circumstances that would make him/her 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.
- By accepting the offer of the Scholarship, the Recipient agrees to allow for their personal information to be provided to Ngāti Whātua Ōrākei and authorises Unitec and Ngāti Whātua Ōrākei to use that information (acting reasonably) (names, photos and images) for marketing and promotional purposes without further compensation.
- The Scholarship is not transferrable or exchangeable.