

Scholarship & Award Regulations

Advanced Energy Technology Scholarship

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

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1. **SCHOLARSHIP NAME:** Advanced Energy Technology Scholarship (“**Scholarship**”)

2. **PURPOSE OF THE SCHOLARSHIP**

2.1 Te Pūkenga is participating in a national Advanced Energy Technology research and development programme in which the goal is to grow the capability and knowledge of learners in this emerging sector. Ara, MIT and Unitec are working in collaboration with a number of research organisations who are researching and developing the next generation of technology for high performance electric motors for the transport sector (aircraft, ships and trains). See an example here: [Home - Electric Transport](#). The purpose of the Scholarship is to provide financial support and encourage Māori, Pacific and women learners who have an interest in this particular sector of Engineering (Electrical / Electronics), who are facing disadvantage and/or inequitable access to tertiary education which would otherwise present a barrier to them studying engineering.

2.2 Unitec recognises that financial support is an important consideration for our ākonga in managing their study goals. The scholarship provides both financial support and the opportunity to participate in industry work placement opportunities in their 2nd or 3rd year of study, organised through the Research and Industry team(s).

2.3 Learners who can demonstrate academic excellence, commitment to learning and pursuing a career in the electric transport industry and show initiative in their personal life and/or study are encouraged to apply.

3. **SCHOLARSHIP FINANCIAL VALUE**

3.1 The value of the scholarship is \$5,000.00 for a full year of full-time study. Work placement opportunities may also be available in their 2nd or 3rd year of study.

3.2 Up to 5 scholarships will be awarded each calendar year.

3.3 The scholarship is provided to learners to cover education related costs and is paid in two equal payments of \$2,500.00 each semester.

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

3.5 You may not defer or suspend the scholarship without the prior written permission of the awarding Head of School.

3.6 Once awarded for a particular programme and School, the Scholarship is not transferrable to any other Unitec programmes than the two listed below in 5.1.

4. DURATION

4.1 The scholarship is awarded for one year i.e., two semesters of consecutive study. If further scholarship funding becomes available, recipients will be required to go through the application and selection process.

5. WHO IS ELIGIBLE

5.1 To apply, you must:

- be Māori or Pacific descent, or
- be a woman (assigned female at birth and/or self-identify as female); and
- be a domestic student, i.e., a New Zealand citizen or Permanent Resident; and
- be enrolled or commencing study in one of the below Level 6 and above programmes:
 - [New Zealand Diploma in Engineering \(Electrical\)](#)
 - [Bachelor of Engineering Technology \(Electrical\)](#)

6. HOW TO APPLY

6.1 Apply online using the form provided: [Advanced Energy Technology Scholarship](#).

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

- This scholarship is government funded by an exciting research project looking to grow a diverse and specialised workforce for advanced electrical powered transport solutions, including electric aircraft. Are you interested in a career like that and if so, tell us why?
- Tell us a little about yourself, especially around your goals, achievements (academic or other), and personal strengths that have helped you get to where you are today?
- 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 scholarship application
- maintained enrolment in one of the courses listed in 5.1 above, at Unitec;
- completed the minimum credit requirements listed in 5.1 above;
- enrolled as a New Zealand citizen or Permanent Resident; and
- enrolled as a Pacific, Māori or female learner

7.2 The Team will add the learners’ GPA scores from their most recent semester of Unitec study **if applicable** (it is NOT compulsory that applicants have previously studied at Unitec) to all eligible applications. The Team then send the applications to the Scholarship Selection Committee for review.

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 goals to enhance the success of disabled and neurodiverse learners.

8.2 Preference may be given to learners who:

- demonstrate that financial support will have an impact on their ability to continue their studies.

9. SELECTION COMMITTEES

9.1 Selection committees ("**Committee**") are made up of at least three relevant members of Te Pūkenga, including the Director Māori Success (or their delegate), a female engineer from Te Pūkenga, and the Principal Investigator of the research team. as Committee Chair ("**Committee Chair**").

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

- responses to the scholarship questions;
- GPA scores; and
- Unitec priority group goals – namely to achieve parity for Māori, Pacific, and enhance the success of Disabled and Neurodiverse learners, sole parents, and ākonga with carers responsibilities.

9.3 Committee decisions are authorised by the Director, Student Success.

9.4 Unitec has complete discretion in assessing applications for the scholarship. Unitec's decision is final and binding. Learners are welcome to contact the Scholarships & Mentoring Team at scholarships@unitec.ac.nz for feedback on their scholarship application outcome.

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 in week six 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 continue to do well in their studies. You must maintain a C+ average (minimum GPA 3.0) or a Pass grade for all courses that are Pass/Fail only.

11.2 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.

11.3 Elective Enrolment: Learners are expected to enrol in DE6410 – 'High power electrical motors for transport' elective in their 2nd or 3rd year of study.

11.4 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 outlined in clause 11 above 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 ("**Recipient**") being true and accurate.
- By accepting the offer of the Scholarship, the Recipient agrees to these Regulations.
- For the duration of this scholarship students are not allowed to hold other Unitec funded scholarships, unless a priority group or equity-based scholarship is approved by the relevant Director and/or Head of School. Students are limited to accessing a maximum of \$5,000 of Unitec scholarship funding per academic year.
- 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 Chair case-by-case.
- Unitec is committed to The Education (Pastoral Care of Tertiary and International Learners) Code of Practice and ensuring the wellbeing of our learners. The scholarships team will track and monitor recipients and check in throughout the duration of the scholarship.
- By accepting the offer of the Scholarship, the Recipient agrees to allow for their personal information to be provided to the Research team and funding body and authorises Unitec and/or Te Pūkenga and the funding body 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.