

Scholarship & Award Regulations

Ngāti Whātua Ōrākei 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.

*Unitec is a business division of its parent entity, Te Pūkenga – New Zealand Institute of Skills and Technology (**Te Pūkenga**). Any references to Unitec refer to Te Pūkenga trading as Unitec, a business division of Te Pūkenga.

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

2. PURPOSE OF THE SCHOLARSHIP

2.1 The purpose of the Scholarship is to encourage Māori ākonga who are members of Ngāti Whātua Ōrākei or Ngāti Whātua o Kaipara 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 ākonga considering study. The scholarship provides both financial support and mentoring opportunities.

3. SCHOLARSHIP FINANCIAL VALUE

3.1 The value of the scholarship is \$2,500.00 for a full year of full-time study; or pro-rata for one semester fulltime programmes.

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

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

3.3 A pro-rata value will also be considered for ākonga who need to study part-time because they are either disabled ākonga 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, or to any other subsidiary or business division of Te Pūkenga.

4. DURATION

4.1 The scholarship is awarded for one year i.e., two semesters of consecutive study. Where an ākonga 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 ākonga, for example a New Zealand citizen or Permanent Resident
- be a registered member of Ngāti Whātua Ōrākei or Ngāti Whātua o Kaipara

- be enrolling in a Unitec programme from Level 3 to 9 (certificate, diploma, undergraduate degree, postgraduate certificate or diploma, or Masters degree) that takes at least one semester of full-time study to complete.
- Be enrolled as a Māori ākonga

6. HOW TO APPLY

6.1 Apply online using the form provided: [Ngāti Whātua Ōrākei Scholarship Application Form](#)

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 certificate, diploma or degree after you complete it?
- what are your aspirations for Ngāti Whātua Ōrākei or Ngāti Whātua o Kaipara?
- 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 ākonga, sole parent, or an ākonga 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
- applied to, or are currently enrolled in a relevant Unitec programme
- enrolled as a domestic ākonga, for example, New Zealand citizen or Permanent Resident; and
- enrolled as a Māori ākonga

7.2 The Team will add the ākonga 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 Māori Scholarship Selection Committee for review.

7.3 Up to three (3) scholarships will be awarded in 2023, 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 goals to enhance the success of disabled and neurodiverse ākonga. We also want to manaaki the success of first in family to pursue tertiary education, sole parents, and ākonga with low prior achievement.

8.2 Preference may be given to ākonga who:

- demonstrate that financial support will have an impact on their ability to continue their studies.
- Are registered members of Ngāti Whātua Ōrākei

9. SELECTION COMMITTEES

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

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 and Te Pūkenga priority group goals outlined in 8.1 above;
- Committee and Sponsor preferences outlined in 8.2 above

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

9.5 Unitec has complete discretion in assessing applications for the scholarship. Unitec's decision is final and binding. Ākonga 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 ākonga 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 ākonga in week 8 of semester 1 or 2
- manage ongoing eligibility checks, mentoring opportunities, and second payments

11. ONGOING ELIGIBILITY

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

11.2 Ākonga 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 committee Chair & Ngāti Whātua Ōrākei. The Chair and Sponsor will decide whether to terminate or maintain the scholarship, and will also provide referrals to academic assistance, wherever possible, to support the ākonga.

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

12. TERMINATION OF A SCHOLARSHIP

12.1 Ākonga scholarships will be ended/terminated by Unitec if:

- ākonga withdraw from the Unitec course/programme after the start of the programme;

- ākongā cease to meet the eligibility criteria;
- ākongā breach the academic and enrolment eligibility requirements outlined in clause 11 above and don't successfully appeal; or
- Unitec determines that ākongā are guilty of misconduct and after consultation with the Director Student Success (or their nominee), deems that it is not appropriate for ākongā 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 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 ākongā. 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 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.