

Scholarship & Award Regulations

Kordia and Unitec Cyber Excellence Scholarship

Pathway/Network: Computer Science

This document sets out the regulations for the below scholarship ('Scholarship') 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, and may be amended, in accordance with Unitec Policy and Procedures.

1. SCHOLARSHIP NAME: Kordia and Unitec Cyber Excellence Scholarship

2. PURPOSE

The Kordia and Unitec Cyber Excellence Scholarships were established in 2017 in conjunction with Kordia New Zealand Limited to financially assist students of cyber security who are intending to complete a Bachelor of Computing Systems at Unitec and to offer them an opportunity to gain work experience in New Zealand.

3. VALUE AND DURATION

3.1 Number of Recipients: Up to two scholarships will be awarded annually.

3.2 Benefit(s) to Recipient: The maximum value of the scholarship will be \$5,000 to each Recipient.

Scholarship Recipients may also be given the opportunity to participate in unpaid work experience with Kordia.

3.3 Payment of benefit(s):

- Each Recipient will receive two payments by cheque or electronic funds transfer to his/her nominated bank account.
- Each payment will be \$2,500.
- The payments will usually be made in week 4 of each Semester in the year for which the Scholarship is Awarded.
- Payments are subject to the Recipient satisfying ongoing eligibility criteria as defined in clause 8 below.

4. DURATION: The duration of the scholarship is one year.

5. ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

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

- Currently enrolled in the Bachelor of Computing Systems at Unitec and planning to be enrolled full-time in their 3rd year (Level 7) during the year for which the Scholarship is awarded;
- Have successfully completed or is currently undertaking a Level 6 cyber security course, currently Fundamental Concepts in Cyber Security (ISCG6407)¹;
- Have committed to study at least 2 of the 3rd year cyber security courses: currently Computer Systems Security (ISCG7400), Computer Forensic Investigations (ISCG7404), Advanced Cyber Security (ISCG7407), Malware Analysis (ISCG7408)²;
- Must have achieved a grade point average of B+ or above on compulsory and cyber security elective year 2 courses.

6. RECIPIENT SELECTION CRITERIA

- Academic performance to date in subjects relevant to their intended degree
- Commitment to study, as demonstrated in the Scholarship application
- Motivation and desire to become a leader in the field of cyber security, as demonstrated in the Scholarship application.
- Commitment to undertake an internship at Kordia, as demonstrated in the Scholarship application

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 Committee will be made up of at least three relevant members of the Unitec community (at least two members from the BEHT network), chaired by the Scholarships Manager. The Selection Committee will advise Kordia of a shortlist of nominees. Kordia, in consultation with Unitec will draw up a further short list and may request applicants attend interviews. Applicants must attend an interview if requested. The HoPP, Computer Science, upon confirmation from Kordia, will authorise final Recipient selection.

8. ONGOING RECIPIENT ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

8.1 Academic progress:

The Recipient must maintain a B+ average per semester. Where a B+ average is not achieved, the Scholarship may be terminated, unless the Recipient can demonstrate exceptional circumstances to the satisfaction of the Scholarship Selection Committee.

8.2 Unitec Enrolment:

The Recipient must:

- continue to be enrolled full time in their 3rd year of Bachelor of Computing Systems.

- enrol in at least 2 of the following 3rd year elective cyber security courses: Computer Systems Security (ISCG7400), Computer Forensic Investigations (ISCG7404), Advanced Cyber Security (ISCG7407), Malware Analysis (ISCG7408)¹

8.3 Leave / Deferral / Programme withdrawal:

- If the Recipient withdraws from the Unitec programme after the start of the Semester 1 or 2 in their third year, the Scholarship will be terminated and any Scholarship payment already made for the semester in which they withdraw may be asked to be reimbursed to Unitec.
- After the first semester in which the Scholarship is awarded, if the Recipient can demonstrate exceptional circumstances, he/she may apply to the Student Scholarships Manager to place the Scholarship on hold for the duration of approved leave of absence from studies. If the application is approved, payment of the Scholarship will be suspended for the period of leave. The Scholarship will be terminated if the Recipient takes leave without approval from the Scholarships Manager.
- Provided the Recipient remains eligible, payments will be resumed to the Recipient after an approved leave of absence until the remaining value of the Scholarship has been paid or another leave of absence is approved.

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.
- 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 Student Scholarships Manager of any changes in circumstances that would make him/her ineligible for continuation of the Scholarship, eg 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 Student Scholarships Manager and the Scholarship Selection Committee on a case-by-case basis. Kordia will also be consulted for their input.
- 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 work placement will ordinarily take place between February and December in the year of award of the Scholarship, and arrangement of the work placement will be between the Recipient and Scholarship Sponsor
- By accepting the offer of the Scholarship, each Recipient agrees to allow for their personal information to be provided to Kordia (or any third party engaged by Kordia) and authorises Unitec and/or Kordia (or third parties

engaged by Kordia) to use that information (names, photos and images) for marketing and promotional purposes without further compensation.

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 GM Student Experience, deems that it is not appropriate for the Recipient to continue to hold the Scholarship.