



# Postgraduate Industry Scholarship Guidelines

## 1.0 Background

IBM have provided postgraduate scholarships as part of their business relationship with Unitec. These scholarships are to be used to encourage applied and industry partnered research as postgraduate level.

Unitec takes this opportunity to thank IBM for their generosity in providing these unconditional, unspecified scholarships. This means that successful applicants are not beholden to IBM in any way and that Unitec can use them as it sees fit.

## 2.0 Funding Available

There are 5 X \$3400 Postgraduate Industry Research Scholarships available for Unitec students in 2019, applications due Friday 5.00pm **21st June 2019**.

### 2.1 Payment of benefit(s):

- The payments will be made when the PGRSC approve applications
- Payments are subject to the recipient satisfying eligibility criteria as defined in clause 5.0 below.
- NB Support with the application is available from your supervisors. Advice on industry partnering is available from Unitec's Commercialisation Managers;  
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## 3.0 Criteria

Applicants may study full-time or part-time but *as a minimum* must:

- be enrolled in any eligible Unitec Masters programme and are in the beginning or formative stages of the research project;
- have committed themselves to completing a research thesis of at least 90 credits;
- normally have a minimum B- GPA *or better* in all previous study at Level 7 or above. *Provisional grades can be used to calculate the GPA if necessary.*
- has approval from the leader of the Masters programme assuring the quality of the research
- have an industry partner for the research
- have an applied research topic with a demonstrable benefit to NZ
- have two or more Unitec staff working collaboratively on the project; could be supervisors

**International students are not eligible to apply.**

**Full-time Unitec staff are not eligible to apply.**

**Applicants must declare any other scholarships they have received, have applied for, or intend to apply for. The PGRSC has the discretion to allocate or not allocate scholarships to students who hold other scholarships.**

#### **4.0 Application Requirements**

Applicants are required to complete the 2019 Postgraduate Scholarships Application Form.

Where more applications are received from students than scholarships available, the PGRSC will select the candidates which demonstrate the following qualities to the highest level;

##### **Te Tiriti**

- Level of engagement with the values of Te Noho Kotahitanga
- Consideration of opportunity and impact for Māori
- Quality of partnership with Māori where appropriate
- Kaupapa Māori methodology where appropriate

##### **Applied/Industry Research**

- Quality/depth of partnership with iwi/industry/community
- Funding or support from iwi/industry/community
- The applied nature of the research
- Benefit to NZ iwi/industry/community/environment

##### **Transdisciplinarity**

- Tackles a real world problem or opportunity
- Includes collaboration with students/staff from other tertiary programmes/disciplines

*NB – Applications need not meet all these criteria.*

Successful applicants must sign a Terms and Conditions document and provide *bank generated evidence of their bank account name and number and proof of enrolment.*

#### **5.0 Other obligations and conditions:**

- The applicant must be enrolled at Unitec in an eligible programme
- 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 Terms and Conditions.
- 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 leader of the Masters programme of any changes in circumstances that would make him/her ineligible for continuation of the Scholarship, e.g. unenrolled in the Programme.
- By accepting the offer of the Scholarship, each Recipient agrees to allow for their personal information to be provided to Unitec (or any third party engaged by Unitec) to use that information (names, photos and images) for marketing and promotional purposes without further compensation.

#### **6.0 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 Tūāpapa Rangahau, deems that it is not appropriate for the Recipient to continue to hold the Scholarship.

#### **7.0 Responsibilities**

The Postgraduate Research and Scholarship Committee and Leaders of Masters programmes are responsible for:

- Promoting the availability of scholarships to eligible students and answering any queries from students about the availability and terms and conditions of the scholarships.

#### **8.0 Timeframes**

The deadline for applications is Friday 5.00pm **21st June 2019**. These must be sent to Hamza Qazi [hqazi@unitec.ac.nz](mailto:hqazi@unitec.ac.nz)