

The Kate Edger Educational Charitable Trust Veterinary Nursing Award

School(s) and Centre(s): Environmental & Animal Sciences

This document sets out the regulations for the scholarship ('Scholarship') or award ('Award') named below, 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 (to be created).

1. SCHOLARSHIP NAME: The Kate Edger Educational Charitable Trust Veterinary Nursing Award

2. PURPOSE

The Kate Edger Educational Charitable Trust Veterinary Nursing Award was established in 2018 from an anonymous donor to encourage female students wanting to pursue a Diploma in Veterinary Nursing at Unitec with the intention of progressing into a Bachelor of Veterinary Nursing (when/if it becomes available at Unitec).

3. VALUE AND DURATION

3.1 Number of Recipients: Approximately One (1) scholarships will be granted for study commencing in 2019 - contingent on available funding.

3.2 Benefit(s) to Recipient: The maximum value of the scholarship will be \$7,000 paid directly to the recipient to cover educational costs. Additional scholarship funding may be granted for further study pursued towards 3rd year study in the Bachelor of Veterinary Nursing at Unitec.

3.3 Payment of benefit(s):

- Each Recipient will receive two payments by cheque or electronic funds transfer to her nominated bank account.
- Each payment will be up to \$3,500 per semester.
- Payments will usually be made during week four of semester 1 and 2.
- Payments are subject to the Recipient successfully satisfying ongoing eligibility criteria as defined in clause 8 below.

4. DURATION: The duration of the Scholarship is one year. The recipient may apply to the Scholarships Manager for further funding for 3rd year study completed at Unitec in the Bachelor of Veterinary Nursing, the academic year directly following the first scholarship, contingent on available funding.

5. ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

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

- Female New Zealand citizen or holder of a New Zealand Permanent Resident visa.
- Be currently enrolled or submitted an application to Unitec to be admitted full-time into the New Zealand Diploma in Veterinary Nursing.
- For current Unitec students: achieved a grade point average of 4.5 (B) or above for previous semester's study.
- For new Unitec students: must meet the entry criteria for the selected programme of study.
- All candidates must apply using the Unitec online Scholarships Application form to be eligible.

6. RECIPIENT SELECTION CRITERIA

- Motivation to succeed in their chosen course, as demonstrated in the scholarship application.
- Demonstrate a passion for companion animal care, as demonstrated in the scholarship application.
- Commitment to benefiting their local and Unitec communities, as demonstrated in the scholarship application.
- In addition to the above selection criteria, Preference may be given to applicants who meet one or more of the following criteria:
 - Maori
 - Pacific
 - First in family to pursue tertiary education
 - Financial Need

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 Selection Committee will be made up of at least three relevant members of Unitec. The Scholarships Selection Committee will be chaired by the Head of School, Environmental and Animal Sciences. The Selection Committee will advise The Kate Edger Educational Charitable Trust of a shortlist of nominees.

The Kate Edger Educational Charitable Trust, in consultation with Unitec will select the recipient. Scholarship offers will be authorised by the Director, Student Success.

8. ONGOING RECIPIENT ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

8.1 Academic progress:

The Recipient must maintain a minimum B average (minimum GPA 4.5) per semester, unless exceptional circumstances¹ prevail.

8.2 Unitec Enrolment:

The Recipient:

- Must begin the New Zealand Diploma in Veterinary Nursing the year in which the scholarship is awarded.
- Must continue to be enrolled full time (minimum of 60 credits) per semester.

8.3 Leave / Deferral / Programme withdrawal:

- If the Recipient defers the Unitec offer or withdraws from the Unitec course/programme at any point after the start of the programme, the Scholarship will be terminated.

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 required to complete her year of study and make a brief report at the end of this study. Failure to complete two full consecutive semesters may require refund of the full value of the award.
- The Recipient is responsible for advising the Scholarships Manager of any changes in circumstances that would make 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.
- The Recipient will be invited to consent to allowing her name, photograph and a short article to be used for the promotion of Unitec.

1: Exceptional circumstances include ongoing disability, illness, carer's responsibilities and other educational barriers and are considered case-by-case

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 Director, Student Success (or their nominee), deems that it is not appropriate for the Recipient to continue to hold the Scholarship.
- If Unitec terminates the Recipients Scholarship for any of the above reasons, after the start of the Semester 1 or 2, any Scholarship payment already made may be asked to be reimbursed to Unitec