

Scholarship & Award Regulations

Unitec Pacific Success Scholarships

Network(s) and Pathway(s): All

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: Unitec Pacific Success Scholarships

2. PURPOSE

The Unitec Pacific Success Scholarships were established in 2017 to encourage Pacific students to pursue tertiary education at Unitec. The Pacific Success Scholarship Recipients are expected to be involved and participate in the Unitec Pacific Community.

3. VALUE AND DURATION

3.1 Number of Recipients: Up to five (5) scholarships will be granted for study commencing in 2019.

3.2 Benefit(s) to Recipient: Unitec will contribute \$3,000 towards tuition fees by way of a tuition fee scholarship. If the Scholarship Recipient is eligible for Fees Free for their first year of study, the Scholarship funding will be deferred by one academic year and applied to the Recipient's second year fees, subject to the terms outlined below. If the programme for which the Recipient received the scholarship is only one (1) academic year in length (fulltime study) and the recipient is eligible for Fees Free, scholarship funding can be applied to any further study the Recipient undertakes at Unitec as long as the programme is at the same level or higher and the Recipient begins the second programme the semester directly following their first programme.

3.3 Payment of benefit(s):

- The Unitec tuition fee scholarship payment is made directly to the Recipient's Study Link or Unitec fees account.
- Each tuition fee scholarship payment will be up to \$1,500 per semester.
- Payments will usually be made during week four of the 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 to apply any unused funds to further study completed at Unitec directly following the Recipient's first programme.

5. ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

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

- New Zealand citizen or holder of a New Zealand Permanent Resident visa.
- Must meet the entry criteria for the selected programme of study.
- Have submitted an application to Unitec to be admitted full-time into a Certificate, Diploma or Degree Level programme
- Have not enrolled or completed any prior study at Unitec.
- Be enrolled as a Pacific student

6. RECIPIENT SELECTION CRITERIA

- Motivation to succeed in their chosen course, 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 will be given to applicants who are:
 - First in family to pursue tertiary education
 - 2018-19 School Leavers

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, and will include a representative from Unitec Pathway College and the Pacific Centre. The Scholarships Selection Committee will be chaired by the Director, Pacific Success. 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 minus average (minimum GPA 3.5) per semester, unless exceptional circumstances¹ prevail.

1 & 2: Exceptional circumstances include ongoing disability, illness, carer's responsibilities and other educational barriers and are considered case-by-case

8.2 Unitec Enrolment:

The Recipient:

- Begin their studies at Unitec in 2019
- Must continue to be enrolled full time (minimum of 60 credits) per semester in a Unitec certificate, diploma or degree level programme.
- May, in exceptional circumstances² apply to the Scholarships Manager for the Scholarship Selection Committee's approval of a part-time study load. The Recipient with an approved part-time study load may receive reduced Scholarship payments for the period of part-time study. The reduced Scholarship payment amount will be determined by the Scholarship Selection Committee at the time of the Recipient's application for approval of part-time study.
- For Recipients eligible for Fees Free: Enrol in second year papers at Unitec **or** progress to a new Unitec programme the semester directly following their first programme.

8.3 Leave / Deferral / Programme withdrawal:

- If the Recipient defers the Unitec offer or withdraws from the Unitec course/programme after the start of Semester 1, the Scholarship will be terminated.
- After the first semester in which the Scholarship is awarded, the Recipient may apply to the 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 does not apply to the Scholarships Manager to place the Scholarship on hold.
- Provided the Recipient remains eligible, payments will be resumed (in accordance with Clause 3) 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 Recipient must participate in a minimum of two (2) events, programmes or activities hosted by the Unitec Pacific Centre in the year for which the scholarship is awarded. The Pacific Centre will inform the Recipient of any opportunities available to be a part of the Unitec Pacific community.

- 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 Scholarships Manager of any changes in circumstances that would make him/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 his/her name, photograph and a short article to be used for the promotion of Unitec.

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 (or their nominee), deems that it is not appropriate for the Recipient to continue to hold the Scholarship.