

# Scholarship & Award Regulations

## Ngāti Whātua Ōrākei Scholarships

### Schools: 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 by Unitec having regard to any applicable Unitec policies and Unitec's commitment to Te Noho Kotahitanga.

**1. SCHOLARSHIP NAME:** Ngāti Whātua Ōrākei Scholarships

### 2. PURPOSE

Ngāti Whātua Ōrākei Scholarships were established to encourage Māori students 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.

### 3. VALUE AND DURATION

**3.1 Number of Recipients:** Approximately three (3) scholarships will awarded each semester – contingent on funding.

**3.2 Benefit(s) to Recipient:** The maximum value of the scholarship will be \$2,500 to each Recipient to assist in covering education related costs.

#### 3.3 Payment of benefit(s):

- Each Recipient will receive two payments by electronic funds transfer to his/her nominated bank account.
- Each scholarship payment will be up to \$1,250 per semester by Unitec.
- 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.

### 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.
- Registered member of Ngāti Whātua Ōrākei
- Must meet the entry criteria for the selected programme of study.
- Have submitted an application to Unitec to be admitted full-time into a Level 3 -9 programme.
- New student to Unitec and not completed any prior study at Unitec.
- Be enrolled as a Māori student

### 6. RECIPIENT SELECTION CRITERIA

- Motivation to succeed in their chosen programme, as demonstrated in the Scholarship application.
- Commitment to benefiting their local and Unitec communities, as demonstrated in the scholarship application.
- Engagement with Ngāti Whātua Ōrākei, and kaupapa-ā-iwi, as discussed in interview
- Priority will be given to students enrolling in Engineering, Construction, Sciences and/or Health, Digital Technology and/or Multi-Media, Professional Services and Teaching programmes.
- For those applicants entering a Bachelor (level 5) programme, NCEA results may be considered.

## **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 a member from Ngāti Whātua Ōrākei and two Unitec staff members. The Scholarships Selection Committee will be chaired by the Director, Māori Success or proxy. Ngāti Whātua Ōrākei, in consultation with Unitec will draw up a short list and may request applicants attend interviews. Applicants must attend an interview if requested. 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 circumstances<sup>1</sup> prevail. For those who do not receive letter grades, a Pass grade must be maintained across all enrolled courses.

### **8.2 Unitec Enrolment:**

The Recipient:

- Must begin studies at Unitec in the semester and year outlined in the Scholarship offer letter
- Must continue to be enrolled full time (minimum of 60 credits) per semester in a Unitec programme.
- May, in exceptional circumstances<sup>2</sup> 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.

### **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 and Ngāti Whātua Ōrākei will be notified.

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

#### **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.
- 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 must participate in a minimum of two (2) events, programmes or activities hosted by the Marae or Maia whanau and Ngāti Whātua in the year for which the scholarship is awarded. The Marae team and or Maia whānau will inform the Recipient of any opportunities available to be a part of the Māori 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 the individual and the Ngāti Whātua Ōrākei Scholarship, at 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 Director Student Success (or their nominee) and Ngāti Whātua Ōrākei, 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.