

Anna Smith Nursing Scholarship for Pacific Students

The following regulations relate to a scholarship offered by Unitec*(Unitec). By applying for the scholarship, you agree to be bound by these regulations.

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1. SCHOLARSHIP NAME: Anna Smith Nursing Scholarship for Pacific Students

2. PURPOSE OF THE SCHOLARSHIP

In memory of Unitec lecturer, Anna Smith and her 17-year commitment to Bachelor of Nursing students at Unitec, the Anna Smith Nursing Scholarship for Pacific Students scholarship is designed

to continue Anna's legacy and her commitment to Pacific students. This scholarship is designed to support students in their studies by contributing towards education related costs.

3. SCHOLARSHIP FINANCIAL VALUE

3.1 The maximum value of the scholarship will be \$1,500 for a full year of full-time study

3.2 The scholarship is provided to ākonga to cover education related costs and is paid:

- in two equal payments of \$750.00 each semester during Semester 2, 2025 and Semester 1, 2026; or
- where the remaining programme of the ākonga is only one semester long by one payment of \$750.00

3.3 A pro-rata value will also be considered for ākonga who need to study part-time because they are either disabled learners or have carers responsibilities as either sole parents or whanau/fanau members.

3.4 You may not defer or suspend the scholarship without the prior written permission of the awarding School or Director.

3.5 Once awarded for a particular programme and School, the Scholarship is not transferrable to another Unitec programme or School, or to any other subsidiary or business division of Te Pūkenga.

4. DURATION

4.1 The scholarship is awarded for one year i.e., two semesters of consecutive study. Where an ākonga is awarded the scholarship for a programme that lasts for one semester, then the duration of the scholarship is one semester only.

5. WHO'S ELIGIBLE

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
- Be enrolled in the Bachelor of Nursing at Unitec
- Have completed and passed at least 120 credits within the Bachelor of Nursing programme
- Be enrolled as a Pacific student

6. HOW TO APPLY

6.1 Complete the online application form. Support is available for ākonga through our Careers Team. Please book an appointment early and prior to the application deadline if you would like to discuss or seek support with your application: <https://www.unitec.ac.nz/industry/career-and-employability/career-and-employability-services>

6.2 As part of your application you will need to respond to the following statements and questions:

- tell us a little about yourself, especially around your goals and achievements, community involvement and personal strengths
- Why have you chosen to study Nursing and what are your plans after you finish your studies?
- What motivates you to succeed in your studies?
- With regards to the Unitec community, how can you see yourself giving back to the Unitec family/community ?
- How will this scholarship help support you with your studies?

6.3 If you are a disabled ākonga, sole parent, or a ākonga with other carer responsibilities, who is applying to study part-time, you will also be asked “how does being able to study part-time remove barriers and help you to succeed in your goals?”

7. SELECTION

7.1 Once scholarship applications close, the Scholarships & Mentoring Team (“Team”) check that applicants have:

- completed the online application
- enrolled in the relevant course at Unitec and passed the minimum credits required
- enrolled as a New Zealand citizen or Permanent Resident; and
- enrolled as a Pacific ākonga

7.2 The Team send all eligible applications to the Scholarship Selection Committee for

review.

7.3 The number of scholarships awarded varies and is dependent on available funding.

8. COMMITTEE PREFERENCING

8.1 It is important to Unitec to manaaki the success of our ākonga and communities. Our strategic vision includes parity goals for Māori, Pacific, and disabled and neurodiverse ākonga. We also want to manaaki the success of first in family to pursue tertiary education, sole parents, and ākonga with low prior achievement.

8.2 Preference may be given to ākonga who:

- Show a willingness to engage with learning and fellow students, as demonstrated in the Scholarship application.
- Identify as male
- Have good academic achievement: GPA from previous semester of study at Unitec will be considered
- Demonstrate that financial support will have an impact on their ability to continue their tertiary studies at Unitec

9. SELECTION COMMITTEES

9.1 Selection committees ("Committee") are made up of at least three relevant members of Unitec.

9.2 The committee review all applications received and will make award recommendations based on a combination of:

- responses to the scholarship application questions
- the preference criteria stipulated in clause 8.1 and 8.2 above

9.3 Unitec has complete discretion in assessing applications for the scholarship. Unitec's decision is final and binding. Ākonga are welcome to contact the Scholarships & Mentoring Team at scholarships@unitec.ac.nz for feedback on their scholarship application outcome.

10. WHAT HAPPENS AFTER SELECTION

The Scholarships & Mentoring team are the kaitiakitanga of the scholarships process. They will:

- let ākonga know scholarship application outcomes
- check enrolment and set up first payment – usually paid to ākonga in week ten of semester 2
- manage ongoing eligibility checks, mentoring opportunities, and second payments

11. ONGOING RECIPIENT ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

11.1 Academic progress: Ākonga must maintain a minimum B minus average (minimum GPA 3.5) per semester, unless exceptional circumstances prevail.

11.2 Ākonga who fail to meet the GPA requirement will be assisted by the Scholarships & Mentoring team to explain their circumstances via a breach appeals process.

11.3 Appeals are considered by the awarding scholarship selection Committee. The Committee will decide whether to terminate or maintain the scholarship, and will also suggest academic assistance, wherever possible, to support the ākonga.

11.4 Unitec Enrolment: ākonga are expected to maintain their enrolment status, i.e. be enrolled full-time (minimum of 60 credits) per semester, or part-time as stipulated when their scholarship was awarded.

Selection Committee at the time of the Recipient's application for approval of part time study.

12. TERMINATION OF RECIPIENT'S SCHOLARSHIP

12.1 12.1 Your scholarship terminates if:

- you withdraw from the Unitec course/programme after the start of the programme;
- you cease to meet the eligibility criteria;
- you breach the academic and enrolment eligibility requirements and don't successfully appeal; or
- Unitec determines that you are guilty of misconduct and after consultation with the Director Student Success (or their nominee), deems that it is not appropriate for you to continue to hold the Scholarship.

12.2 If Unitec terminates the Recipient's Scholarship for any of the above reasons, after the start of Semester 1 or 2, Unitec may require any Scholarship payment(s) already made to be reimbursed to Unitec.

13. Other obligations and conditions:

- The offer of the Scholarship is made subject to all information provided by the scholarship recipient ("Recipient") being true and accurate.
- By accepting the offer of the Scholarship, each Recipient agrees to the Regulations.
- For the duration of this scholarship ākonga are not allowed to hold other Unitec funded scholarships, unless a priority group or equity-based scholarship is approved by the Selection Committee. Ākonga are limited to accessing a maximum of \$5,000 of Unitec funded scholarships per academic year.
- The Recipient is responsible for advising the Scholarships Manager of any changes in circumstances that would make them ineligible for continuation of the Scholarship, e.g., reducing study load to part time, taking leave of absence or deferring study.
- Unitec is committed to The Education (Pastoral Care of Tertiary and International Learners) Code of Practice and ensuring the wellbeing of our learners. The scholarships team will track and monitor recipients and check in throughout the duration of the scholarship.
- 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 their name, photograph, and a short article to be used for the promotion of Te Pūkenga and/or Unitec.
- The Scholarship is not transferrable or exchangeable.