



# Scholarship Regulations

## Men's Health Trust Scholarships

### Pathway/Network: All

This document sets out the regulations for the below scholarship ('Scholarship') 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.

### 1. SCHOLARSHIP NAME: Men's Health Trust Scholarships

#### 2. PURPOSE

The Men's Health Trust collaborates with Unitec to attract and support men into healthcare professions. One way of doing this is to support them in their training at Unitec with a targeted scholarship scheme for males studying in health-related programmes.

Since 2013 the Trust has been the major funding contributor towards the Men's Health Scholarship, which sees up to 10 students receive between \$2,500 and \$5,000. The aim of the Men's Health Trust is to inspire men to make positive and rewarding lifestyle choices by providing education programmes, research and information that encourage and promote good health. The aim of the scholarship is to support men in their studies towards careers in health.

Scholarships are awarded for one year, but recipients can apply for further scholarship assistance throughout their programme of study.

#### 3. VALUE AND DURATION

**3.1 Number of Recipients:** Up to 10 scholarships will be awarded annually

**3.2 Benefit(s) to Recipient:** The scholarship value will be between \$2,500 and \$5,000 to each recipient. Scholarship Recipients may also be given the opportunity to participate in networking and mentoring opportunities with Men's Health Trust when available.

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

- Each Recipient will receive two payments by cheque or electronic funds transfer to his/her nominated bank account.
- Each payment will be half the value of the total Award amount offered and specified in the Recipient's Scholarship Offer Letter.

- Payments will usually be made in week 4 of semester 1 and 2 in the year for which the Scholarship is awarded.
- Payments are subject to the Recipient 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:

- Male 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 one of the following Unitec programmes:
  - Bachelor of Nursing
  - Diploma in Enrolled Nursing
  - Bachelor of Applied Science (Human Biology)
  - Master of Osteopathy
  - Bachelor of Health Science (Medical Imaging)
  - Bachelor of Health and Social Development
  - Bachelor of Social Practice
  - Bachelor of Sport (Coaching)
  - Diploma of Sport and Fitness Education
- For current Unitec students: achieved a grade point average of 3.5 (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.
- Preference will be given to applicants who meet one or more of the following criteria:
  - Maori
  - Pacific
  - First in family to pursue tertiary education
  - Financial Need

## **6. RECIPIENT SELECTION CRITERIA**

As demonstrated in the Scholarship application:

- Motivation to succeed in their chosen course.
- Motivation and desire to become a leader within their industry or community.
- Commitment to support Men's Health Trust work within their local communities through a project of their choice.
- 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 Committee will be made up of at least three relevant members of the Unitec community, chaired by the Scholarships Manager. Shortlisted applicants may be interviewed and selected based on the above selection criteria. If requested, applicants must attend interviews to be considered for the Scholarship. Men's Health Trust will be invited to participate in the selection committee and interviews.

Offers will be authorised by the GM, Student Experience.

## **8. ONGOING RECIPIENT ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA**

### **8.1 Academic progress:**

The Recipient must maintain a B- average per semester. Where a B- average is not achieved, the Scholarship may be terminated, unless the Recipient can demonstrate exceptional circumstances to the satisfaction of the Scholarship Selection Committee.

### **8.2 Unitec Enrolment:**

The Recipient:

- must continue to be enrolled full time<sup>1</sup> (minimum 60 credits per semester) in the specified programme for which the Scholarship was awarded.

### **8.3 Leave / Deferral / Programme withdrawal:**

- If the Recipient withdraws from the Unitec course after the start of the semester of award, the Scholarship will be terminated and any Scholarship payment already made for the semester in which they withdraw is to be reimbursed to Unitec.
- After the first semester in which the Scholarship is awarded, if the Recipient can demonstrate exceptional circumstances, he/she may apply to the Student 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 takes leave without approval from the Scholarships Manager.
- Provided the Recipient remains eligible, payments will be resumed 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.
- For the duration of the Scholarship the Recipient is not permitted to hold other Unitec Scholarships, unless an equity-based scholarship is approved by exception.
- By accepting the offer of the Scholarship, each Recipient agrees to the Regulations.

<sup>1</sup> May, in exceptional circumstances 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.

- 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 Student 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 Student Scholarships Manager and/or the Scholarship Selection Committee case-by-case.
- By accepting the offer of the Scholarship, each Recipient agrees to allow for their personal information to be provided to Men's Health Trust (or any third party engaged by Men's Health Trust) and authorises Unitec and/or Men's Health Trust (or third parties engaged by Men's Health Trust) to use that information (names, photos and images) for marketing and promotional purposes without further compensation.
- Arrangement of networking and mentoring opportunities with Men's Health Trust is up to the Recipients to organise directly with Men's Health Trust.

## **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, 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.