

Scholarship & Award Regulations

Unitec Kickstart 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 (Approval Pending).

1. SCHOLARSHIP NAME: Unitec Kickstart Scholarships

2. PURPOSE

The Unitec Kickstart Scholarships were established in 2016 to assist school leavers commencing study at Unitec who participated in the Unitec Pathway College Vocational programmes.

3. VALUE AND DURATION

3.1 Number of Recipients: Approximately twenty (20) scholarships will be granted, the number of scholarships allocated for each Vocational Pathway school differs, see appendix 1 for more details.

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), then 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 in 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.
- The tuition fee scholarship payment will be up to \$3,000.
- Payment will usually be made during week four of the first semester of the Recipient's second year of study at Unitec.
- 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. 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
- Current school leaver
- 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
- Receive an endorsement for the Scholarship by their School before 1 December 2019. Only School's listed in Appendix 1 can submit recommendations for this Scholarship.

6. RECIPIENT SELECTION CRITERIA

Not applicable, as this is not a competitive scholarship. Eligibility criteria will be used by the schools to identify and select all Recipients.

7. SELECTION

Applications are not required for this Scholarship; eligible candidates will be identified through Unitec Pathway College School endorsements.

Offerees will be approved to receive the Scholarship by the Scholarship Selection Committee, usually in October, prior to commencement.

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. The Scholarships Selection Committee will be chaired by the Student Support and Scholarships Manager and offers will be authorised by the Director, Student Success.

8. ONGOING RECIPIENT ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

8.1 Academic progress:

The Recipient:

- Must pass all first year courses

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 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 and any payment already made for the semester in which they withdraw may be required to be reimbursed to Unitec.

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 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.

1 & 2: 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.

APPENDIX 1

2019 Eligible Schools	# of Scholarships available
Mt Albert Grammar	2
Rutherford College	2
Kelston Boys High School	2
Kelston Girls College	2
Green Bay High School	2
Henderson High School	2
Waitakere College	2
St Dominics College	2
Massey High School	2
Northcote College	1