

Wintec | Te Pūkenga Physiotherapy Scholarship 2025 Regulations

BACKGROUND

The Wintec | Te Pūkenga Bachelor of Physiotherapy programme scholarships have been established to assist Māori and Pacific ākonga to undertake full-time study. The scholarship is awarded based on academic merit, character, and cultural and community life.

There are two types of scholarships available, a full scholarship and a partial scholarship.

CONDITIONS

1. The scholarship shall be known as the Wintec | Te Pūkenga Physiotherapy Scholarship.
2. Applicants must apply on the required scholarship application form and all complete applications will be assessed by a selection panel. The panel will include the Centre Director for the Centre for Health and Social Practice, Head of Physiotherapy, and a member of the Māori Achievement Unit. Panel members may elect a representative to participate in the selection on their behalf.
3. Shortlisted applicants may be required to attend an interview with the scholarship selection panel.
4. An online scholarship application form will be available on the Wintec | Te Pūkenga, [Wintec | Te Pūkenga Physiotherapy Scholarship](#) webpage.
5. The scholarship will be applied to the tuition fees for the year the scholarship is awarded. The scholarship will not cover course related costs or sundry fees.
6. There are two types of scholarships available:
 - a. Full scholarship: fee credit equivalent to the full tuition fee of a domestic student in one year of full-time study in the qualification.
 - b. Partial scholarship: fee credit towards a portion of the tuition fee of a domestic student in one year of full-time study in the qualification.

Note: the number of full and partial scholarships available each year and the amount of the partial scholarship is entirely at the discretion of the selection panel. The selection panel will determine whether an applicant will receive a full or partial scholarship.

7. If a recipient is entitled to the Government's Fees Free scheme, that entitlement, or any remaining carry over balance shall be used first. Fees will be credited against a recipient's student finance account for the subsequent following year of their programme of study.
8. Recipients across all years of study are eligible for the scholarship. Recipients of scholarships may apply in subsequent years for a further scholarship when entering their next year of study. The scholarship will not be awarded in retrospect for any previous year's study.
9. The tuition fees will be credited directly against a recipient's student finance account once their enrolment has been confirmed and, where appropriate, fees will be refunded directly to the original payee (e.g. StudyLink).
10. The selection panel may agree to a transfer of the scholarship to another Wintec | Te Pūkenga qualification for an individual recipient if the majority agree. Applications should be emailed to the Scholarship Administrator at scholarships@wintec.ac.nz for consideration by the panel. A decision will be made on a case-by-case basis and will not set a precedent for other recipients.
11. The scholarship is not transferrable to any other tertiary institution.

12. A recipient may apply to have their scholarship placed on hold for an agreed period on a case-by-case basis should they need to take a break from study. Applications should be emailed to the Scholarship Administrator at scholarships@wintec.ac.nz for consideration by the Centre Director.
13. The scholarship may be held together with any other bursary, grant, prize, or student allowance unless the conditions of the other funding preclude this. However, this scholarship will still only apply to the payment of tuition fees.
14. Recipients are encouraged to access student support from Te Kete Manaaki and or Centre specific scholarship support at any time during the semesters for support with their learning for the duration of their scholarship.
15. The selection panel may refrain from making a recommendation if it finds no candidate of sufficient merit.
16. The offer of a scholarship must be accepted and returned by the date indicated in the letter of offer. If a recipient declines or does not take up the scholarship, the selection panel may offer the scholarship to another applicant.
17. The decision of the selection panel is final, and no further correspondence will be entered into.
18. By accepting the scholarship, recipients agree to participate in publicity regarding the scholarships as arranged by Wintec | Te Pūkenga.
19. **The closing date for applications is 5pm Friday 1 November 2024.** The closing date may be extended as required. All applications and supporting documents must be submitted, using the online application form available on the Wintec | Te Pūkenga, [Wintec | Te Pūkenga Physiotherapy Scholarship](#) webpage.
20. Incomplete applications will not be considered.
21. The scholarship winners will be announced by Friday 13 December 2024.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

1. Applicants for the scholarship must be a New Zealand citizen or permanent resident and must be of Māori or Pacific descent.
2. Applicants for the scholarship must have applied or currently be studying at Wintec | Te Pūkenga towards the Bachelor of Physiotherapy.
3. Applicants must complete the prescribed scholarship application form and provide the following supporting documents:
 - A written personal statement, video, or voice recording outlining how this scholarship will assist the applicant in furthering their career aspirations (particularly in Māori Health); how it will support their personal development and their potential contribution to the community.
 - The online scholarship referee questionnaire to be completed by a teacher or principal, a tutor, an employer, or a community/church leader (not a relative). Scholarship referee questionnaire can be found [here](#).
 - A current Curriculum Vitae (CV) or resume.

Applicants may apply in English or Māori.