Suzanne Hunt IT Scholarship 2025 Regulations

BACKGROUND

The Suzanne Hunt IT Scholarship was established in 2022 by Wintec Ltd in memory of Suzanne Hunt - a past employee of Wintec | Te Pūkenga. As well as working within IT, Suzanne volunteered her time to several organisations associated with providing digital connectivity and literacy in areas of need. This included helping to set up the Computer Clubhouse at Enderley Community Centre in Hamilton - an after-school programme for underserved communities. Suzanne was also a Trustee of Web Access Waikato.

This scholarship has been set up by Wintec | Te Pūkenga, Suzanne's family and her last employer, Spark Ltd, to recognise and remember Suzanne's achievements, and to continue her advocacy to support women to train, qualify and work in the IT field – a traditionally male orientated profession.

The purpose of the scholarship is to assist female identifying ākonga to undertake full-time study towards a qualification offered by Wintec | Te Pūkenga in the Centre for Information Technology. The scholarship will be awarded based on academic merit, character, and involvement in cultural and community life.

One scholarship will be awarded each year. The scholarship will cover the cost of the recipient's tuition fees for that year.

CONDITIONS

1. The scholarship shall be known as the Suzanne Hunt IT Scholarship and will be open to female identifying ākonga.

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 a maximum of two members of Suzanne's whanau, the Team Manager Centre for Information Technology, a Group Director and a representative of the Komiti Āpiti Karahipi (Scholarship Committee). Panel members may elect a representative to participate in the selection on their behalf.

3. Short listed 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 Suzanne Hunt IT 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. 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 year of their programme of study.

7. 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).

8. Recipients across all years of study are eligible to apply for the scholarship.

9. Recipients who commence study in July (semester two) are eligible to apply for the scholarship. In this situation the crediting of tuition fees will be applied each semester rather than annually.

10. The scholarship is not transferrable to any other Wintec | Te Pūkenga qualification or another tertiary institution – subject to Item 11.

11. 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.

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 Group 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 the Team Manager, or their delegate, at any time during the semesters for support with their learning for the duration of the 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 Suzanne Hunt IT Scholarship webpage.

20. Incomplete applications will not be considered.

21. The scholarship winners will be advised by Friday 13 December 2024.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

1. Applicants for the scholarship must be a female identifying New Zealand citizen or permanent resident.

2. Applicants for the scholarship must have applied or currently be studying at Wintec | Te Pūkenga, full time in the Centre for Information Technology.

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 Information Technology); 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.