

## Wintec Physiotherapy Scholarship 2026 Regulations

### BACKGROUND

The Wintec Physiotherapy 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 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 Group 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, [Wintec 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. 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.
8. 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).
9. The selection panel may agree to a transfer of the scholarship to another Wintec qualification for an individual recipient if the majority agree. Applications should be emailed to the Scholarship Administrator at [scholarships@wintec.ac.nz](mailto: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.
10. The scholarship is not transferrable to any other tertiary institution.

11. A recipient may apply to have their scholarship deferred for an agreed period, on a case-by-case basis, should they need to take a break from study. A scholarship may be deferred no more than twice during its tenure. Applications should be submitted via email to the Scholarship Administrator at [scholarships@wintec.ac.nz](mailto:scholarships@wintec.ac.nz) for consideration by Komiti Āpiti Karahipi.
12. 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.
13. 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.
14. The selection panel may refrain from making a recommendation if it finds no candidate of sufficient merit.
15. 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.
16. The decision of the selection panel is final, and no further correspondence will be entered into.
17. By accepting the scholarship, recipients agree to participate in publicity regarding the scholarships as arranged by Wintec.
18. **The closing date for applications is 5pm Friday 31 October 2025.** 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, [Wintec Physiotherapy Scholarship](#) webpage.
19. Incomplete applications will not be considered.
20. The scholarship winners will be announced by Friday 12 December 2025.

## 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 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.
  - A reference, for this scholarship must not be a relative of the applicant. The referee should be someone who is familiar with the applicant's character, achievements, or potential, and who can speak to how the applicant aligns with the values and goals of the scholarship. If you choose a Wintec tutor as your referee, you must also provide an additional external reference, such as an employer, community or church leader, sports coach, etc. You can find the scholarship referee questionnaire [here](#).
  - A current Curriculum Vitae (CV) or resume.

*Applicants may apply in English or Māori.*