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**The Gordon Chesterman Scholarship**

#### 2017 Regulations

**BACKGROUND**

The Gordon Chesterman Scholarship was established in 2012 by Waikato Institute of Technology (Wintec) in recognition of the significant contribution and valued work of long-serving Chair of Council, Gordon Chesterman. The first Scholarship was awarded in 2013.

In addition to being the Chair of Council, Gordon Chesterman is also a well-renowned public relations practitioner and a successful Waikato businessman.

The purpose of the Scholarship is to assist students to undertake full-timestudy, towards a qualification at Wintec. The Scholarship is awarded based on academic merit, personal character and involvement in cultural and community life.

A scholarship will be awarded each year, at a maximum value of $5,000 per year. The tenure of each Scholarship is for a maximum of three years.

**CONDITIONS**

1. The Scholarship shall be known as The Gordon Chesterman Scholarship.
2. The purpose of the award is to encourage full-time study at the Waikato Institute of Technology by assisting with payment towards the cost of tuition fees for students studying for a qualification at Wintec.
3. Candidates for the Scholarship must be New Zealand citizen or permanent residents.
4. Candidates will submit a Scholarship Application Form and have their application assessed by a panel to be made up of Chair of Council or representative, Head of School, and appointed Academic Staff.
5. Short listed applicants may be required to attend an interview with the Scholarship Selection Panel.
6. Application forms will be available on the Wintec Scholarship Webpage [www.wintec.ac.nz/scholarships](http://www.wintec.ac.nz/scholarships)
7. The Scholarship will be awarded upon confirmation of enrolment and course results, to a maximum value of $5,000 per year for three years. The total value of each Scholarship is to a maximum value of $15,000 each.
8. The Scholarship will be reimbursed, once confirmation of results has been received, directly to successful candidates student fee account, or where appropriate, directly to the original payee (ie. Studylink).
9. Scholarship recipients must successfully complete and pass all modules each year, to be reimbursed for the tuition fee payment and be eligible for the following year’s tuition fees payment. The Head of School can terminate the tenure of the Scholarship if the recipient fails to obtain passing grades in any year of study.
10. If the Scholarship holder does not complete a year of tenure of the Scholarship, the Selection Panel may require him or her to refund part or all of the Scholarship monies for that year. The holder of the Scholarship shall have the right to appeal to the Head of School by lodging a written application within 28 days of the decision.
11. The Scholarship may be held together with any other bursary, grant, prize or student allowance unless the conditions of the other funding preclude this.
12. The Selection Panel may refrain from making a recommendation if it finds no candidate of sufficient merit.
13. The offer of a Scholarship must be accepted by the date indicated in the letter of offer. If any candidate declines or does not take up the Scholarship, the Selection Panel Committee may offer the Scholarship to another person.
14. The decision of the Selection Panel will be final and no correspondence will be entered into.
15. By acceptance of this Scholarship, recipient agrees to participate in publicity concerning the Scholarships as arranged by the Waikato Institute of Technology.
16. **The closing date for application is 3pm Monday 27 March 2017.** All applications must be submitted to the Wintec Student Life Office (A Block, Ground Floor) or sent to Student Experience (Scholarships), Private Bag 3036, Waikato Mail Centre, Hamilton, 3240. To submit electronically, please email scanned application to [Scholarships@wintec.ac.nz](mailto:Scholarships@wintec.ac.nz). The applications will then be forwarded to the Selection Panel.
17. The Scholarship winner shall be announced by the end of April 2017.

**ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA**

1. Candidates for the Scholarship must be a Waikato Institute of Technology (Wintec) student enrolled in the School of Media Arts or Centre for Business, Information Technology and Enterprise.
2. Candidates must be studying full-time at the time of application.
3. Candidates must be from the Greater Waikato or Thames/Coromandel region.
4. Candidates for the Scholarship must be New Zealand citizen or permanent residents.
5. Candidates must complete the prescribed application form and must include the following:

* Proof of enrolment and Wintec student ID number;
* The official copy of the applicant’s current NCEA results or academic transcript;
* A written statement on how this Scholarship will assist the applicant in furthering their career, particularly in the fields of Business, Arts, PR journalism and/or culture;
* A written statement (or evidence) of applicant contribution to the Greater Waikato community;
* A current reference from a teacher or principal or an employer or community leader;
* A current Curriculum Vitae, and;
* A recent photograph;