

NMIT Pene Ruruku Scholarship
In respect for Uncle Pene Ruruku who filled the NMIT Kaumātua role for a period
Terms of Reference 2012

Area of Use	The scholarship is designed to assist Māori students who show potential to excel in their chosen field/s of study.
Value	One scholarship prize of \$1000 paid as a tuition fees rebate directly onto course fees or to Studylink if a debt exists.
Eligibility	Applicants must be students identifying as being of Māori descent, on selected programme/s of study that will enhance Māori ki Te Tau Ihu o Te Waka a Māui.
Criteria	Applicants must be New Zealand citizens or hold a New Zealand residency permit. They must be enrolled to study fulltime at NMIT. Previous achievement may be taken into consideration. The student will have been accepted onto the programme in the chosen field/s of study. Students should show participation in whanau, marae and or other iwi based activities and complete and submit the whakapapa form showing lineage to a known Māori ancestor.
Exclusions:	This scholarship may not be used in conjunction with the Half Degree for Free scholarship. This scholarship is not available for NMIT short courses or Employment Scholarship Programmes (unless stipulated). Only one NMIT scholarship can be awarded to a student in any one Calendar Year.
Funding	This scholarship is funded by Whakatū Marae and NMIT, and is awarded by a member of the Ruruku Whanau at the scholarship ceremony early in the academic year. Attendance at the ceremony is required to receive the scholarship.
Promotion	Application forms and information will be circulated via the Whakatū Marae, programme areas and the Information and Enrolment Centre at NMIT, and will be advertised via brochures and in the annual prospectus. Press releases will be circulated to the print media, Marae and Iwi ki Te Tau Ihu o Te Waka a Māui. The scholarship will be promoted on the websites of NMIT http://www.nmit.ac.nz/howtoapply/scholarships/nmitscholarships.aspx and Whakatū Marae http://www.whakatumarae.co.nz/ .
Selection	Selection will be made by a panel at NMIT, made up of the Director of Māori Education or representative, Whakatū Marae committee representative and/or representatives from the Pene Ruruku Whānau, will consider each application and assist in making the selection.
Panel Decision:	Decisions of the panel are not open to appeal or question. The panel need not give reasons for any of their decisions.

- Timing** Applications must be received on an official application form by Nelson Marlborough Institute of Technology by 2 pm, 22 February 2012. Late applications will not be accepted. Selection and confirmation will be made during March each year.
- Validation:** The award of a scholarship shall become void two weeks after receiving official advice unless the recipient completes and forwards the Acceptance and Agreement Contract to the NMIT Scholarship Coordinator that states:
- The recipient's acceptance of the scholarship and agreement to perform any obligations associated with this scholarship, as stated in the Terms of Reference
 - Agreement to participate in specified promotions as per the Terms of Reference
 - The recipient's intention to pursue the course of intended study set out in his/her application.
- Payment:** Payment will be made as a rebate of tuition fees only.
- Studylink Notes:** Permanent residents and Australian citizens will now be subject to a two year stand down before they can access student loans via Studylink. For more information please contact www.studylink.govt.nz .
- Privacy:** In accordance with the Privacy Act 1993, recipients will need to sign a release form giving their permission for NMIT to use their personal information for publicity. The recipient can control the content used and length of time it is used.