

NMIT Te Pūkenga Scholarship 2023-24

Applicant Terms of Reference

**NZ King Salmon – Aquaculture Scholarship (Smolt)**

Value: Up to \$5,000 (including GST if payable) towards course fees for a current student (ākonga) enrolled in a specific NMIT Te Pūkenga Aquaculture Studies programme (Postgraduate Diploma or third year Bachelor).

Aim of the Scholarship: NZ King Salmon has made this scholarship available as a demonstration of its commitment to the Top of the South region and to supporting the success of the scholarship recipients where it can.

Application due date: 4.00pm, Friday 1st March 2024

Selection criteria:

- Must be a New Zealand citizen or permanent resident.
- Applicants must be enrolled in the:
 - Bachelor of Aquaculture and Marine Conservation (third year) **OR**
 - NMIT Te Pūkenga Postgraduate Diploma in Sustainable Aquaculture
- Applicants must demonstrate the potential to succeed in their studies by providing the following:
 - Two character/work references.
 - A copy of their Academic Transcripts from previous years.
 - A statement of approx. 100 words outlining who NZ King Salmon are, and their role in NZ's aquaculture Industry.
 - A statement of approx. 100 words outlining what your future career plans are within the aquaculture sector.
 - A statement of approx. 200 words identifying the top 3 challenges facing the NZ salmon Industry.

What do you receive?

- The scholarship is a one-off payment towards course fees at the previously stated value.
- Priority options of applying for a paid work placement at New Zealand King Salmon or associated business in the awarded scholarship year.

What do you need to commit to?

- May need to attend a Scholarship panel interview if required.
- Must be able to attend the Scholarship Presentation Ceremony in 2024 at the Nelson Campus.
- Agree to be available for promotional purposes by New Zealand King Salmon or NMIT Te Pūkenga as per your Talent Release Form.
- Acknowledge your award by thanking NZ King Salmon on your LinkedIn and/or other appropriate social media channels.
- Supply a report to, or have a meeting with, NZ King Salmon (to be agreed by parties) before the end of the scholarship year, to discuss learnings and experiences during your study.
- If applicable, complete one paid work placement at NZ King Salmon or associated business in the year of the scholarship.

Terms & Conditions

1. The scholarship may not be awarded in any given year if the calibre of the applicants does not meet the required standards, even if this decision is made after the application date for the scholarship has passed.
2. Applications must be completed online via the NMIT Te Pūkenga website and received by the application due date. Late applications will not be accepted.
3. This scholarship cannot be taken in conjunction with any other NMIT Te Pūkenga scholarship.
4. The scholarship does not cover student association fees, re-sit costs or repeat course costs.
5. The student must have commenced study with NMIT Te Pūkenga and payment of the Programme of study has been made within the NMIT Te Pūkenga Guidelines, not relying solely on the outcome of the scholarship being awarded.

6. If you withdraw, or do not complete course requirements, the scholarship may need to be repaid. This will be at the discretion of NMIT Te Pūkenga.
7. You must advise scholarships@nmit.ac.nz of any change to your circumstances relating to your study with NMIT Te Pūkenga.
8. The scholarship award decision will be made by a panel which includes representatives from NZ King Salmon, the Programme Area and a NMIT Te Pūkenga representative. Decisions of the Panel are final and are not open to appeal.
9. Upon being awarded the Scholarship you must complete and forward the *Acceptance Agreement* and the *Te Pūkenga Talent Release Form* to scholarships@nmit.ac.nz. This initiates your acceptance of the scholarship and indicates your agreement to perform any obligations, as stated in the Terms of Reference associated with this scholarship.
10. In accordance with the Privacy Act 2020, you will need to sign a Te Pūkenga Talent Release Form giving permission for NMIT Te Pūkenga and NZ King Salmon to use your personal information for publicity in relation to the scholarship. You can control the content and the length of time it is used.
11. NZ King Salmon and NMIT Te Pūkenga will promote the NZ King Salmon Scholarship recipients in appropriate media in Top of the South and throughout New Zealand and within NMIT Te Pūkenga marketing material which includes brochures, website, and display materials.
12. The nature and duration of such work placement will be at NZ King Salmon's discretion. Such work placement shall be subject to all reasonable requirements of NZ King Salmon including drug testing, medical testing, and the award recipient executing an employment agreement provided by NZ King Salmon.
13. The award of a scholarship shall become void after two weeks if no *Acceptance Agreement* is received.

14. The scholarship winner will be announced early in the academic year and awarded at the Scholarship Ceremony which you must attend.

15. The agreed scholarship amount will be paid to Studylink or NMIT Te Pūkenga towards student course fees. If the recipient has paid their fees themselves, the scholarship amount will be deposited into a nominated bank account.

Studylink Notes: Recent permanent residents and Australian citizens will now be subject to a three year stand down before they can access student loans via Studylink. For more information, please contact www.studylink.govt.nz.