

NMIT Scholarship 2026

Scholarship Applicant Terms of Reference

**NZ King Salmon Scholarship**

Value: Course fees of up to \$5,000 (including GST if payable) towards course fees for a current student (ākonga) enrolled in a NMIT programme in Aquaculture or Applied Business.

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: Tuesday 31 March 2026, midnight

Selection criteria:

- Must be a New Zealand citizen or permanent resident.
- Applicants must be enrolled in a NMIT programme in Aquaculture or Applied Business.
- 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 or business 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.
- The recipient is expected to attend the scholarship awards ceremony in Nelson or Marlborough.
- Agree to be available for promotional purposes by New Zealand King Salmon or NMIT as per your Media Consent 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 and 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 NMIT's 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 scholarship.
4. The scholarship does not cover student association fees, resit costs or repeat course costs.
5. The recipient must have commenced study with NMIT and payment of the programme of study has been made within the NMIT Guidelines, not relying solely on the outcome of the scholarship being awarded.
6. If the recipient withdraws, or does not complete course requirements, the scholarship may need to be repaid. This will be at the discretion of NZ King Salmon and NMIT.
7. The recipient must advise scholarships@nmit.ac.nz of any change to their circumstances relating to their study with NMIT.
8. The scholarship award decision will be made by NZ King Salmon

Upon being awarded the scholarship the recipient must complete and forward the **Acceptance Agreement** and the **Media Consent Form** to scholarships@nmit.ac.nz. This initiates their acceptance of the scholarship and indicates their agreement to perform any obligations, as stated in the Terms of Reference associated with this scholarship.

9. In accordance with the Privacy Act 2020, the recipient will need to sign a Media Consent Form giving permission for NMIT and NZ King Salmon to use their personal information for publicity in relation to the scholarship. The recipient can control the content and the length of time it is used.
10. NZ King Salmon and NMIT will promote the recipient in appropriate media in Te Tauihu and throughout New Zealand and within NMIT marketing material which includes brochures, website, and display materials.
11. The award of a scholarship shall become void after two weeks if the **Acceptance Agreement** and the **Media Consent Form** are not completed and forwarded to scholarships@nmit.ac.nz.
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 scholarship winner will be announced in the academic year and awarded at the scholarship ceremony which you are encouraged to attend.
14. The agreed scholarship amount will be paid to StudyLink or to NMIT towards 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