



# Inati Community Scholarships

## Information for 2024 Otago Polytechnic Pasifika Students

### PURPOSE

The purpose of these scholarships is to assist Pasifika learners studying at Otago Polytechnic who show ability and character to succeed in their field of study.

This scholarship is to provide a reduction in tuition fees.

### TERMS AND CONDITIONS

The scholarships are open to students studying at Otago Polytechnic in 2024 who:

- identify as Pasifika (i.e. of Pacific Island ethnic origin); and
- are permanent residents or citizens of New Zealand; and
- reside in and study within the Dunedin city area\*
- are not in receipt of any other study scholarship/s; and
- are enrolled in a current year Otago Polytechnic programme\* of at least 0.5 EFTS (i.e. at least half a full-time programme\*)

**\*Excludes Otago Polytechnic Short Courses, CapableNZ, Kōkiri Training Centre and Te Taketake programmes**

### CRITERIA FOR SELECTION

Selection will be based on the assessed ability of the student to meet the following:

- potential to complete their study
- success in previous study
- planning for the future

### REQUIREMENTS FOR APPLICATION

#### 1. References

Applicants are required to fill out the application form and include **at least TWO recent written references** from people who can comment on their personal qualities, skills and experience in areas such as:

- academic ability
- paid or unpaid work
- community involvement

Examples of suitable referees include:

- **teacher or lecturer:** (NB: the Pasifika team are unable to be referees as they are members of the selection panel)
- **community leader/worker:** (e.g. from a church or ethnic group)
- **employer or supervisor:** a person in a position of responsibility who has been involved with the student in a work situation (unpaid or voluntary work/vacation or part-time work/full-time paid employment).

**Note: Members of the applicant's family are not permitted to be referees.**

#### 2. Academic Records/Results

Copies of academic records/results must also be included with the application form.

#### 3. Curriculum Vitae (CV)

Please attach a current curriculum vitae. Do not attach originals as they will not be returned.

### **APPLICATION PROCESS**

Completed application forms must be received by Customer Services **no later than 5pm, Friday 27<sup>th</sup> September 2024. Late or incomplete applications will not be considered.**

Please either post or email your application to:

**Litea Ikahihifo**

Otago Polytechnic, Private Bag 1910, Dunedin 9054

Phone: 0800 762 786

Email: [litea.ikahihifo@op.ac.nz](mailto:litea.ikahihifo@op.ac.nz)

### **SELECTION PROCESS**

Selection is based on the written applications. The selection panel comprises Otago Polytechnic's Deputy Executive Director: Learner Experience, Director: Pasifika Achievement, Pasifika Advisor, and an additional Internal Pasifika Advisory Committee representative.

The selection panel reserves the right to interview applicants. Interviews will only be arranged if the number of applicants far exceeds the amount of funding available to award meaningful amounts as scholarships.

If interviews are required, the selection panel will draw up the short-list of applicants to be interviewed. These will be held late October 2024 and applicants will be notified by email on **Friday 18th October 2024**. Applicants may bring up to two support people to the interview if desired. Due to time and other factors, one person only may speak in support of