

SENIOR SCHOLAR AWARD PROCEDURE

1. Purpose

This procedure outlines the requirements for the provision of a senior scholar award.

2. Scope

This procedure applies to all students enrolled at the undergraduate level at Unitec who are eligible to graduate in any given year.

3. Procedure

- 1. A senior scholar award may be given to exceptional graduates of Unitec's undergraduate degree programmes.
- 2. Senior scholar awards are given at the Unitec Graduation Ceremony at the same time the student receives their degree.
- 3. The student's *Academic Record* is annotated to show the year of the award. This annotation appears on the student's transcript.
- 4. To be eligible for consideration to receive a senior scholar award a student must have achieved:
 - a. a cumulative Grade-point Average (GPA) of 8.0 or better across all degree courses for which they have been assessed in an undergraduate degree programme; and
 - b. at least two-thirds of the total credits for the degree through enrolment in Unitec courses (that is, have achieved no more than one-third of the credits by cross-credit from another institution or by assessment of prior learning).

3.1 Process

- 1. Prior to graduation, the Graduation Manager develops a list of eligible graduands.
- 2. Te Korowai Kahurangi checks the nominees and approves the list.
 - a. Marginal or unique cases are considered by the Chair of Te Komiti Mātauranga | Academic Committee.

4. Responsibilities

| Role | Responsibilities | |
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| Graduation Manager | Develops a list of eligible graduands. | |
| Te Korowai Kahurangi | Checks award nominees and approves the list of recipients. Provides advice on how the post-approval award process is advanced. | |

5. Definitions

Unless otherwise specified the definitions in the *Policy Framework Glossary* (to be completed) apply. If a definition is not listed in that resource, ask the Policy Framework Manager to consider adding it.

6. Reference Documents

- AC 3.0 Programme Completion and Awards Policy
- AC 3.1.1 Senior Scholar Award Brochure

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