Purpose

Project Ignite was established in partnership with the University of Waikato, Toi Ohomai Institute of Technology and Priority One to support and cultivate creativity and entrepreneurial talent. Project Ignite is a programme, which offers innovative students a ‘learn by doing’ entrepreneurial experience to help fast track their ideas into new ventures and network with the local Bay of Plenty innovation community.

Regulations

1. Eligibility

1.1 To be eligible for consideration for the scholarship, applicants must be enrolled at the University of Waikato or Toi Ohomai Institute of Technology at the time of application or have recently graduated from either of these institutions.

2. Value

2.1 The Scholarship will have a value of $5,000.

2.2 The scholarship will be paid in four instalments directly to the scholar: The first (25%) on commencement of the programme, the second instalment (25%) four weeks into the term of the scholarship, the third instalment (35%) seven weeks through the term of the scholarship and the final instalment (15%) at the completion of the programme (see clause 2.2.1).

2.2.1 Payment of the second and third instalment will be conditional upon receipt of a brief report from the Expert Coach confirming satisfactory progress. Payment of the final installment will be conditional on the recipient presenting at the final Student Showcase held on the last day of the programme.

3. Selection Criteria

3.1 Applicants will be assessed on the quality of their idea and their commitment and motivation for the programme.

3.2 Applicants may be required to attend a brief interview as part of the selection process.

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1 If the applicant is applying as part of a team, at least one member of the team needs to be a student or recent graduate of the University of Waikato or Toi-Ohomai Institute of Technology.

2 Any student who is currently enrolled in at least one course or programme of study. The Programme is open to all undergraduate and postgraduate students.

3 Graduated with a University of Waikato or Toi-Ohomai Institute of Technology qualification within the preceding 12 months.
4. Applications

4.1 Applications for Scholarships close **28 September 2017**.

4.2 All Applicants must submit the following with their online application:
   a) A brief (3-5 min) video of the new venture or idea\(^4\)
   b) A summary statement outlining the new venture or idea that will be worked on within the programme, including (but not limited to) relevant information about the applicant, their enthusiasm for innovation, and what they would hope to gain from the programme.
   c) A brief CV (maximum two A4 pages in length)

5. Selection Panel

5.1 The Selection Panel for the Project Ignite Scholarships will comprise of the Dean of the School of Graduate Research (in Chair), a University of Waikato academic in the field of innovation or enterprise as nominated by the Chair, two representatives of Toi-Ohomai Institute of Technology, a representative from Priority One and the Project Ignite Expert Coach.

5.2 The Selection Panel will submit their recommendations to the Scholarships Executive for final approval.

5.3 The Scholarships Executive’s decision is final and no correspondence will be entered into following the selection meeting.

5.4 The Selection Panel may choose to formulate a reserve list and may also refrain from making a recommendation if it finds limited or no candidates of sufficient merit.

6. Awarding

6.1 Successful applicants will be advised of the offer of a Project Ignite Scholarship in writing and must advise the respective tertiary institution of their acceptance of the offer by the date stipulated on the acceptance form. If a candidate fails to accept the award within the prescribed period, the offer will lapse.

7. Other Conditions

7.1 A Project Ignite Scholarship may be held with any other scholarship or award, unless the conditions of the other award preclude this.

7.2 Recipients of a Project Ignite Scholarship are required to participate in a Student Showcase event at the end of the 10 week programme.

7.3 By accepting the Scholarship, the recipient agrees to participate in any publicity concerning the Scholarship arranged by the University of Waikato or Toi-Ohomai Institute of Technology.

7.4 The University of Waikato Scholarships Executive or Toi-Ohomai Institute of Academic Director may terminate a Scholarship at any time, and recoup any funds disbursed, if they are not satisfied that the recipient is participating fully in the programme, or is not otherwise complying with the conditions governing the Scholarship and the rules and regulations of the University or Institute of Technology.

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\(^4\) This only needs to be a very basic video explaining your venture e.g. an iPhone video would be suitable. All applications will be held in the strictest confidence and only be reviewed by the relevant processing staff and selection panel members. All new ventures and ideas will remain the intellectual property of the applicant/scholar.
7.5 The recipient of a Scholarship shall have the right to appeal against any decision to terminate a Scholarship
   a) University of Waikato recipients to the Research Committee
   b) Toi-Ohomai Institute of Technology recipients to the Appeals Committee

7.6 International scholars must comply with the conditions of their Immigration New Zealand (INZ) Student Visa.