

**COOK ISLANDS GOVERNMENT SCHOLARHIP**

**(TE REINGA AKATAUNGA’ANGA)**

**DOMESTIC OPTIONS**

# FULL SCHOLARSHIP

# *What it covers?*

 All tuition and textbook fees will be paid by the Ministry of Education

 Must be taking the equivalent of at least 3-4 papers per semester (USP or international by distance to equivalent cost of USP paper)

 Living allowance (equivalent of minimum wage for 35 hrs) during semester

# *Who is Eligible?*

 The scholarship is available to resident Cook Islanders including PR’s or dependents thereof; holding New Zealand citizenship.

 Scholarship is for full time studies (i.e. academic, technical or vocational course programmes) at an institute in-country or overseas.

 Applicant must have lived in the Cook Islands prior to applying.

# *Criteria*

1. Academic ability in relation to the course selected

2. Proven experience or knowledge in area of study and strong linkages to current or future workplace/career intention

3. Strong linkage to labor market need/opportunity

4. Linkage to NSDP

5. Commitment to full-time study.

6. Should not be engaged in a full-time employment

# *Liability*

1. Failure to successfully complete at least 4 courses in one year requires 1 year stand down period and self-fund at least 2 successful papers prior to consideration of further support.

# 2. STUDY GRANT

# *What it covers?*

 Payment of full tuition fee upfront—USP, CITTI, International distance study (to USP

 cost equivalent)

 Additional contribution of $200 per semester towards course costs on receipt of invoice

 Must be taking the equivalent of at least 4 papers per year

 Student responsible for text books, consumable resources & student association fee

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# *Liability!*

1. Failure to successfully complete at least 75% of course in one year, requires 1 year stand down and self funding of at least 2 successful papers prior to further support

# 3. STUDENT SUCCESS FUND

# *What it covers?*

# Option 1: Partial reimbursement of tuition fees and prescribed textbooks

# Criteria 1 – Applicants who are unemployed or whose annual income is below $15,000 may apply for a 75% reimbursement of course fee(s) and prescribed textbooks

# Criteria 2 – Applicants whose annual income is in the range of $15,000 and over may apply for a 50% reimbursement of course fee(s) and prescribed textbooks

# Option 2: Request for funding due to justifiable financial hardship

# Write a letter to the HRM Advisor – Scholarships explaining why you need assistance under this option

# Pay 25% of the course fee up front at the time of enrolling for this course and attach the receipt for this amount

# *Eligibility*

# The scholarship is available to resident Cook Islanders including PR’s or dependents thereof; holding New Zealand citizenship.

# The applicant will not be a current scholarship holder under any government administered scholarship scheme

# Request for SAF assistance to repeat a course when it was already paid under the SAF scheme and under any government administered scholarship schemes or other externally funded study awards are not eligible for this scheme

# Persons, whose course fees are partially or fully paid by their employers either public or private, are not eligible for this scheme

# The course of study is being pursued here in the Cook Islands even if the provider is located off-shore

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