

**Closing date:** Thursday 28 November 2024 at 5pm

**Information for applicants**

**The history of the scholarship**

The Fifeshire-Hancock Scholarship is a scholarship for deserving, meritorious, in-need, full-time, final year Nelson-Tasman district students at Nelson Marlborough Institute of Technology (NMIT) who are at risk of not being able to commence and complete their Final Year of degree studies or to be so impacted by financial hardship that it would clearly prevent them from achieving their potential.

The Scholarship is open to degree students of any department who are considered Nelson-Tasman residents and who can demonstrate a will and a potential to make a positive contribution to society through and beyond the successful completion of their degree. We will endeavor to have an experienced and supportive mentor made available to all successful applicants.

The Scholarship is the gift of Nelson-Tasman residents Peter Hancock and his wife Patricia Pollard to the Fifeshire Foundation for local students. Peter and Pat were enabled to complete their own degrees in 1961 by way of scholarships leading to successful careers in New Zealand, Australia and North America and now in association with the Fifeshire Foundation, wish to help Nelson-Tasman students in need, who demonstrate academic merit and potential to make a contribution to society.

**Things to consider when completing this application form**

As stated in the Applicant Terms of Reference, Fifeshire and the Donors welcome applications through NMIT with all the required supporting evidence. Incomplete applications will be excluded from the selection process.

Application forms must be typed and then printed to be signed by the student and in Section 3 by a Person- al Tutor and Head of Department (electronic signatures will be accepted and separate e-mail endorsement can be submitted by Tutor and Head of Department if it's not possible to include on the application form).

Applicants will be assessed for completion by NMIT and all that comply will be passed to Fifeshire and the Donor for short-listing. Short-listed applicants interviewed by a Fifeshire-Hancock panel to enable them to demonstrate their potential.

The donors will provide a scholarship of $10,000.00 for the 2025 academic year with monies awarded by Fifeshire in three tranches commencing at the beginning of the 2025 academic year and on satisfactory receipt of two reports to be submitted by the successful Scholar at end of Term 1 and Term 2.

**Essential criteria for eligibility**

1. Students must provide evidence that they are at risk of being unable to proceed to and/or complete their final year of degree studies or be under such financial difficulty that it will significantly impact on their studies.
2. Students must have the potential to achieve a good Degree result.
3. Evidence of will and potential for a successful career that will be of benefit to society demonstrated by activities and interests to date and career aspirations.

Please see the [NMIT website](https://www.nmit.ac.nz/study/apply/fees-costs-and-financing/scholarships/) for further guidance on the Fund and deadlines for applications.

Please note that completed applications and supporting documents cannot be returned.

**Part 1:**

Section A: Your Personal Details

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| First Name |  |
| Surname/Family name |  |
| NMIT email address |  |
| Home address |  |
| Student Number |  |
| Date of Birth |  |
| Contact phone number |  |
| Term-time address |  |

## Section B: Dependents and Accommodation

## Please answer the following questions:

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| **Dependents** | **Yes** | **No** |
| Are you an independent student (see below) |  |  |
| You are 25 years or over before the start of the academic year |  |  |
| You have been married or entered into a civil partnership before the start of the academic year |  |  |
| You have care of a child or children |  |  |
| You have supported yourself for at least three years before the start of your course |  |  |
| You have no living parents, or you are permanently estranged from your parents |  |  |

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| **Accommodation** | **Yes** | **No** |
| Are any adults or children financially dependent on you? If yes, please indicate how many: |  |  |
| Do you live alone or the sole adult |  |  |
| With partner or spouse |  |  |
| Shared house |  |  |
| Live with parent(s) or guardian(s) |  |  |

## Part 2: Course Details

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| Course title |  | |
| Length of course |  | |
| Department |  | |
| Expected completion date |  | |
| Year of study |  | |
| Marks at the end of year two |  | |
| Mode of study | Full time ❑ | Part time ❑ |

**Part 3: Department Recommendation**

Section A

To be completed and signed by your Personal Tutor and countersigned by the Head of Department Please tick the box if ‘Yes’

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| **Department recommendation** | **Yes** | **No** |
| Has the student successfully completed part one of their course? |  |  |
| Has this student had to repeat their 2nd Year |  |  |
| Has the student had to re-sit any modules |  |  |
| Has there been any issues with the student’s attendance |  |  |

Section B

Please give an indication to their potential academic performance.

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Section C

Please include your detailed assessment and recommendation below. This will be a key element in the selection process of the applicants. (Continue on a separate sheet if needed.)

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| **Personal Tutor** | | **Head of Department** | |
| Printed name |  | Printed name |  |
| Signature |  | signature |  |
| Date |  | Date |  |

**Part 4: Your financial difficulties**

Section A: Reasons

Please state reasons you are at risk of not being able to proceed to and/or complete the final year of your degree or having your studies so compromised as to impact on your potential to achieve a good degree, and the consequences for you if unsuccessful in this application. Include any other information not covered elsewhere as to why you are in financial difficulty and require support.

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Section B: Addressing your financial difficulties

Please explain what steps you have taken to address your financial difficulties, e.g. reviewed your over - draft status, part time work, other grant applications sought, parental support.

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**Part 5: Information in support of your being deserving and meritorious**

Section A

To address the criteria for this scholarship and why you consider you meet the criteria of deserving and meritorious other than by virtue of financial need; please summarise the following:

Your main interests and activities before and/or whilst studying at NMIT which reflect your greatest interests and demonstrate your potential to have a successful career and to be of benefit to society.

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Section B

Your ambitions for a successful career, your understanding of how it can contribute to society and other interests and activities you wish to pursue after graduating.

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Section C

Your understanding of mentoring and how it could operate between a scholarship winner and a mentor and what you would hope to gain from undertaking mentoring to develop your confidence and employability.

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**Part 6: Income**

Section A: All Students

Supporting evidence can be submitted by good quality photographs if a scanner is not available.

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| **Sources** | **Amount paid monthly $** | **Evidence Needed** | **Checklist** |
| Maintenance loan |  | Student finance notification letter and last 3 months bank statements, one showing receipt of loan instalment |  |
| Parental contribution |  | Annotate on bank statements or provide a letter/email from family stating total contribution over the academic year |  |
| Maintenance grant/other support grants |  | Student Finance (or other) notification letter |  |
| Teacher training grant |  | Notification letter |  |
| Professional/career development loan |  | Loan agreement and payment schedule |  |
| Disability/incapacity benefits |  | Benefit decision notice |  |
| Part-time earnings (term time) |  | Annotate payments on bank statements or IRD if work has ended |  |

Section B: Students with partners and/or dependents

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| **Sources** | **Amount paid monthly $** | **Evidence Needed** | **Checklist** |
| Partners net earnings |  | Annotate payments on bank statements or IRD if work has ended |  |
| Partners benefits, pensions, etc. |  | Notification letters |  |
| Partners maintenance |  | Relevant proof |  |
| Partners learning allowance |  | Student finance breakdown or grant notification |  |
| Dependents grant |  |  |
| Childcare grant |  |  |
| Tax credits |  | Award notification from IRD |  |
| Income support |  | Notification letters |  |
| Housing benefits/Council tax |  | Benefit decision notice |  |
| Other benefits (e.g. Universal credit/income - please specify) |  | Notification letters/relevant proof |  |

**Part 7: Expenditure**

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| **Expenses** | **Amount paid monthly $** | **Evidence Needed** |
| Food / household / toiletries / laundry |  | Documentary evidence not required for these categories as standard figures are used for assessment. |
| Utility bills (gas/electric/water) |  |
| Telephone |  |
| Clothes/shoes |  |
| Leisure |  |
| Rent/mortgage |  | Tenancy or mortgage agreement. Should also be annotated on your 3 months bank statements |
| Insurance (building, life, contents) |  | Notification document |
| Council tax |  | Current council tax bill |
| Daily travel to NMIT |  |  |
| Travel to and from home for holidays |  |
| Other expenditure (internet) |  |
| Car costs |  |
| Health costs (eye care, dental, diagnostic tests) |  | e.g. invoice for diagnostic tests |
| Tuition fees (if not paid by grant, loan or parent) |  |  |
| Other course costs (field trips, materials) |  | Confirmation from your department that the trip is compulsory. Include dates, location and costs to you. Receipts needed for items over $50.00 |
| Childcare (registered) |  | Letter from childcare provider confirming the costs. |
| Unregistered |  |  |
| Maintenance payments |  | Relevant proof (CSA letter or bank statements) |
| **Total** |  |  |

**Part 8: Debts**

Please list your debts below, including those to the NMIT.

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| **Creditor - person or company owed** | **Amount overdraft** | **Nature of debt (e.g. rent, credit cards, store cards)** |
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**Part 9: Disability / Dyslexia / Medical needs**

Please tick as appropriate:

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| **Disability/Dyslexia/Medical needs** | **Yes** | **No** |
| Do you have a disability or a chronic medical condition |  |  |
| Have you applied for disabled students’ allowance  (if yes, please provide a copy of your disability support letter) |  |  |
| Are you happy for this information to be shared with the NMIT accessibility services team. |  |  |

**Declaration**

I certify that all the information given on this form is correct and complete and I understand that giving false information may constitute fraud and such matters may be pursued through criminal prosecution.

I understand that giving false information or failing to disclose all relevant information may render me liable to disciplinary action and I may be required to repay any grants obtained by me as a result.

I understand that the terms and conditions of the award will require me, if successful, and after receiving the initial payment at beginning of the academic year, initial to submit reports to trigger payment instalments at commencement of each term or semester.

I understand that these terms will require me to notify NMIT of any change in financial circumstances or withdrawal from NMIT and that I may then be required to repay part/all of the award.

I give permission for enquiries to be made of the relevant authorities to substantiate the information provided.

I understand that section A and B of this application will be viewed and assessed by the donors, Peter Hancock, Patricia Pollard and the Staff and Trustees of The Fifeshire Foundation as part of the selection process and understand NMIT will seek to facilitate contact between the Donors and Fifeshire with award recipients for mentoring, support and updates.

Signature:

Date:

**Confidentiality:**

All information will be treated in the strictest confidence and will not be divulged to anyone unconnected with the administration of The Fifeshire-Hancock Scholarship and your designated mentor without your permission.