

## Connexis Whenua Iti 2025 Scholarship Application

Connexis has created this scholarship to help our ākonga (trainees) reach their full potential. The purpose of this scholarship is to provide the experience required for individuals to become their best selves and step up to be the next generation of leaders in the infrastructure industry.

The Whenua Iti Outdoors Rangatira Development Programme is a five-day course designed for emerging leaders. The scholarship covers the course fee cost as well as essential travel, which will also be arranged by Connexis.

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### Course Information

The Rangatira Development course date for 2025:  
*Saturday 11 – Wednesday 15 October 2025*

The course will require the recipient to be in Nelson on Saturday 11 October (morning), returning to Nelson on Wednesday 15 October (afternoon). Connexis will arrange your travel to and from Nelson.

### Connexis Scholarships Terms, Conditions, and Eligibility

*Please ensure you're aware of the Terms, Conditions, and Eligibility criteria required below, before completing the application:*

- Applicant must be a trainee with Connexis for 12 months minimum.
- Applicant cannot have received a previous Connexis scholarship.
- The value of this scholarship covers Whenua Iti course fees and essential travel, arranged by Connexis.
- Applications must be endorsed by your employer, who agrees to grant the required leave for you to attend the Whenua Iti course, allowing days for travel, where required.
- All applications must be submitted by the submission cut-off date: 22 August (EOD) 2025.
- Applicant information will be confidential.
- If an applicant is successful, in agreeing to attend the course they also agree to share their journey as agreed for media purposes.



## Whenua Iti Requirements

For the full list of Whenua Iti guidelines around health, fitness, and gear, please visit: [www.whenuaiti.org.nz/downloads/](http://www.whenuaiti.org.nz/downloads/)

## Basic Information & Application Questions

### Trainee details:

First/given name		
Surname		
Company		
Job title		
Email		
Mobile number		
Date of birth		
Please list your iwi/hapū		
Airport closest to you		
National Student Number (NSN) – <i>please ensure this is correct</i>		
Programme/s you are enrolled in with Connexis		
Customer Service Area Manager (CSAM) - <i>please ensure this is correct</i>		



### **Trainee Questions**

*Please answer these questions to the best of your ability - the level of detail provided will strengthen your application.*

What do you hope to gain from the Whenua Iti course?

*(Think about personal growth, cultural awareness, leadership, confidence, teamwork, etc.)*

How do you think this experience will support your career development and working with your team/other staff?

This scholarship is for people who are looking to grow themselves or who show leadership potential - what makes you a good candidate?

**Manager/Supervisor details:**

First/given name	
Surname	
Job title	
Email	
Mobile number	

**Manager/Supervisor Questions**

*Please answer these questions to the best of your ability - the level of detail provided will strengthen your trainee's application.*

How does your trainee demonstrate openness to growth or leadership qualities and skills in the workplace currently? Please provide any examples.

How do you believe your trainee and your company will benefit from them attending the Whenua Iti course?



How will you support your trainee's leadership development after the completion of their Whenua Iti course?

#### Manager/Supervisor Agreements

By ticking this box, you agree to grant the required leave for your trainee to attend the Whenua Iti course, allowing days for travel, where required.

#### Applicant Agreements

By ticking this box, you confirm that you have read and understood the terms and conditions and are eligible under these conditions.

By ticking this box, you confirm that the information you have provided is correct and accurate, and that you are currently an active learner with Connexis.

By ticking this box, you agree to, if successful, being contacted for media requirements within three months following the completion of the course.

**Once completed by the applicant and Manager/Supervisor, please send this to your CSAM.**

All applications will be considered by Connexis in due course. Connexis may request additional information from you, your employer, or your CSAM.

You and your employer will be notified of your application outcome from 9am 8 September 2025.

If you have any questions, please contact us at: [scholarships@connexis.org.nz](mailto:scholarships@connexis.org.nz)

