Chillisoft Scholarship in Cybersecurity

Code: 975
Faculty: Science
Applicable study: Undergraduate or Postgraduate study relating to Cybersecurity
Closing date: 3 July 2025
Tenure: One year
For: Assistance with study
Number on offer: One
Offer rate: Annually
Value: $5,000

Description

This Scholarship was established in 2018 and is funded by Chillisoft, a specialist security software distributor.

The intention of the Scholarship is to support and promote study at Waipapa Taumata Rau, University of Auckland relating to Cybersecurity.

Selection process

- Application is made to the Scholarships Office
- A Selection Committee assesses the applications
- The Scholarship is awarded by the University of Auckland Council on the recommendation of the Selection Committee

Regulations

1. The Scholarship will be known as the Chillisoft Scholarship in Cybersecurity.
2. One Scholarship will be awarded annually, for a period of up to one year and will be of the value of $5,000 paid as a lump sum (see Note II). Payments and tenure will be pro-rated for part-time students.
3. To be eligible for Scholarship consideration, an applicant must be i) enrolled full-time or part-time at Waipapa Taumata Rau, University of Auckland in any year of an undergraduate, sub-doctoral postgraduate or doctoral programme, ii) majoring/specialising in either Computer Science, Information Systems, Software Engineering, Information Governance, Digital Security, or Data Science, and iii) undertaking research or study related to cyber security. Conjoint students must be enrolled in at least 60 points of courses in either Computer Science, Information Systems, Software Engineering, Information Governance, Digital Security, or Data Science in the year of the award to be considered for the Scholarship. A grade point average (GPA) or grade point equivalent (GPE) of at least 7.00 (6.50 for Māori or Pacific candidates) is required for Scholarship consideration (see Note III).
4. The Scholarship is tenable by international or domestic students.
5. The basis of selection will be academic merit (see Note III), and demonstrated interest in the study of Cybersecurity, as evidenced by enrolment in courses relating to Cybersecurity and/or carrying out research relating to Cybersecurity and a personal statement.

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6. The Scholarship will be awarded by the University of Auckland Council on the recommendation of a Selection Committee comprising the Head of the Department of Computer Science (or nominee), one member of Academic Staff from the Department of Computer Science nominated by the Head of the Department of Computer Science, and one representative of the donor.

7. Payment will be made in one instalment upon acceptance of the award. Payment to part-time students will be pro-rated on a case-by-case basis.

8. To be paid the Scholarship, the awardee must be enrolled in be i) enrolled in an undergraduate, sub-doctoral postgraduate or doctoral programme, specialising in either Computer Science, Information Systems, Software Engineering, Information Governance, Digital Security, or Data Science. Conjoint students must be enrolled in at least 60 points of courses in either Computer Science, Information Systems, Software Engineering, Information Governance, Digital Security, or Data Science to be paid the Scholarship.

9. The Scholarship may be held concurrently with any other scholarship, grant or award as long as the regulations for that scholarship, award or grant permit and the University of Auckland Council is informed and agrees. It is the responsibility of the awardee to declare to the Scholarships Office all other scholarships, awards or grant funding received and for which the awardee receives payment while also in payment for this Scholarship.

10. The University of Auckland Council is not obliged to make an award if it is determined there is no candidate that meets the criteria and/or no candidate of sufficient merit.

11. Payments under the terms of this Scholarship remain tax-free as long as they are used directly for the payment of costs associated with an awardee's programme of study and/or to assist the awardee with living costs while studying (see Note I). Failure to comply with this regulation will result in the termination of the Scholarship.

12. The University of Auckland Council can amend or vary these Regulations, in consultation with the donor, provided that there is no departure from the main purpose of the Scholarship.

13. Applications close with the Scholarships Office on 3 July in the year of the award.

14. Notes [I]-[IV] below are deemed to be regulations.

Notes

I. *The tax-free status of this Scholarship is under current legislation. The University of Auckland cannot guarantee this tax-free outcome.*

II. *Awardees may receive pastoral care in the form of a mentor from Chillisoft for a period of 12 months.*

III. *For the purposes of this Scholarship, academic merit for students entering Year One is based on results at Level Two or higher in the National Certificate of Educational Achievement (NCEA) or an equivalent qualification. For students enrolled in Year Two, academic merit is assessed as a Scholarships grade point average (GPA) or grade point equivalent (GPE) obtained over the applicant's first year of full-time graded study. For students enrolled in Year Three or Four or a postgraduate programme, academic achievement is assessed as the GPA/GPE obtained over the most recent two years of full-time graded study (or equivalent).*

IV. *Awardees will be required to comply with the regulations for the Scholarship and must notify the Scholarships Office of any change in their enrolment or funding status. Waipapa Taumata Rau, University of Auckland may, in the event that it can be established that an awardee is not complying with these regulations, terminate the Scholarship and require repayment of the funds received.*

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