Gentrack Professor Victor Portougal Scholarship

Code:	1129
Faculty:	Business Engineering
Applicable study:	BCom or BCom/BE(Hons) in Information Systems and/or Software Engineering
Closing date:	TBC
Tenure:	Up to two years
For:	Assistance with study
Number on offer:	Two
Offer rate:	Annually
Value:	$2,500 pa each

Description

The Scholarship was established in 2021 and is funded by Gentrack, a New Zealand technology business specialising in innovative cleantech solutions, in memory of Professor Victor Portougal, who was an academic staff member in the Department of Information Systems and Operations Management, with research interests in management science and information systems.

The main purpose of the Scholarship is to encourage and support Information Systems and Software Engineering students with an interest in cleantech, sustainability powered by information systems and operations management.

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 Gentrack Professor Victor Portougal Scholarship.
2. Two Scholarships will be awarded annually each for a period of up to three years and will be of the value of $2,500 per annum each.
3. To be eligible for Scholarship consideration, an applicant must be i) a citizen or permanent resident of New Zealand, ii) enrolled full-time in either Year 2 of a Bachelor of Commerce (BCom) in Information Systems, or Part II of a Bachelor of Commerce/Bachelor of Engineering (Honours) (BCom/BE(Hons)) in Information Systems and/or Software Engineering. A grade point average (GPA) or grade point equivalent (GPE) of 6.00 (5.50 for Māori and Pacific applicants) is required for Scholarship consideration (see Note II).
4. The basis of selection will be academic merit (see Note II) and the applicant's interest in cleantech, sustainability and/or information systems and operations management as assessed by a personal statement.
5. The Scholarship will be awarded by the University of Auckland Council on the recommendation of a Selection

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Committee comprising the Head of the Department of Information Systems and Operations Management (or nominee), the Head of the Department of Electrical, Computer, and Software Engineering (or nominee), and a representative of the donors.

6. To be paid the Scholarship, the awardee must be enrolled full-time in either Year 2 of a BCom in Information Systems, or Part II of a BCom/BE(Hons) in Information Systems and/or Software Engineering.

7. The Scholarship will be paid in one lump sum in Semester One each year, as soon as is practical after confirmation of the awardee's enrolment, (that is, after the final date on which a student may add or delete courses without incurring a late enrolment fee).

8. The Scholarship may be held with any other scholarship, award or grant as long as the regulations for that scholarship, award or grant permit and the University of Auckland Council is informed and approved. It is the responsibility of the recipient 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.

9. The University of Auckland Council, in consultation with the donor, has the power to terminate or suspend a scholarship if it receives a report of unsatisfactory progress of a Scholar from the relevant Head of Department.

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

12. Applications close with the Scholarships Office on TBC.

13. Notes [I]-[IV] below are deemed to be Regulations.

Notes

I.   *Awardees may be invited to undertake a work placement/experience at Gentrack.*

II. *For the purpose of this Scholarship, 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.*

III. *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 to assist the awardee with living costs while studying. Failure to comply with this regulation will result in the termination of the Scholarship.*

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 from the date of the breach.*

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