

Nicola Crowley Memorial Scholarship for Women in Computer Science

Code:	997
Faculty:	Science
Applicable study:	Penultimate year of undergraduate study in Computer Science
Closing date:	2 May 2024
Tenure:	One year
For:	Tuition fees credit
Number on offer:	One
Offer rate:	Annually
Value:	\$8,000

Description

The Scholarship was established in 2018 and is funded by the New Zealand Super Fund in memory of a valued colleague, Nicola Crowley.

The main purpose of the Scholarship is to support and encourage more women to pursue a career in computer science and digital technologies.

Selection process

- Application is made to the Scholarships Office
- A Selection Committee assesses the applications
- Short-listed applicants may be required to attend an interview
- 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 Nicola Crowley Memorial Scholarship for Women in Computer Science.
2. One Scholarship will be awarded annually, for a period of up to one year, and will be of the value of \$8,000.
3. To be eligible for Scholarship consideration, an applicant must be i) a woman, ii) a New Zealand Citizen or Permanent Resident (see Note II), and iii) enrolled full-time in the penultimate year of a Bachelor of Science (BSc), a BSc conjoint programme, a Bachelor of Advanced Science (Honours) (BAdvSci(Hons)) or BAdvSci(Hons) conjoint degree, in Computer Science, Data Science or Statistics at Waipapa Taumata Rau, University of Auckland. Conjoint students must be enrolled in at least 60 points of relevant courses to be eligible for consideration. A grade point average (GPA) or grade point equivalent (GPE) of 5.00 (4.50 for Māori candidates or Pacific candidates) is required for Scholarship consideration (see Note III).
4. The basis of selection will be academic merit (see Note III) and performance in an interview. The following criteria may also inform selection: the donor's interest in supporting i) Māori students, and/or ii) Pacific students (see Note

- IV). Short-listed applicants may be required to attend an interview with the Selection Committee.
5. 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, one member of Academic Staff nominated by the Head of the Department of Computer Science, and one representative of the donor.
 6. The Scholarship will be paid as a contribution towards compulsory tuition fees in Semester One and Semester Two, 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).
 7. To be paid the Scholarship, the awardee must be enrolled full time in the penultimate year of either a BSc, BSc conjoint degree, BAdvSci(Hons), or BAdvSci(Hons) conjoint degree, in Computer Science, Data Science or Statistics. To be paid the second instalment, recipients must have achieved a Semester One GPA of at least 4.50 in Semester One (see Notes V and VI). Conjoint students must be enrolled in at least 60 points of relevant courses to be paid the Scholarship.
 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 approves. 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.
 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 by a Scholar from the Head of the Department of Computer Science.
 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 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, in consultation with the donor, can amend or vary these regulations provided that there is no departure from the main purpose of the Scholarship.
 13. Applications close with the Scholarships Office on 2 May in the year of the award.
 14. Notes [I]-[VIII] 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. *New Zealand Permanent Residents have been granted a Permanent Resident Visa by Immigration New Zealand. For more information visit <https://www.immigration.govt.nz/new-zealand-visas/already-have-a-visa/becoming-a-permanent-resident>.*
- III. *For the purposes of this Scholarship, academic merit for students enrolled in their second year of study is assessed as a Scholarships GPA/GPE obtained over the applicant's first year of full-time graded study (or equivalent). For students enrolled in their third or subsequent year of study, academic merit is assessed as the Scholarships GPA/GPE obtained over the most recent two years of full-time graded study (or equivalent).*
- IV. *Pacific applicants are defined as New Zealand Citizens or Permanent Residents who are of indigenous Pacific descent from any of the following islands: Samoa, American Samoa, Tonga, Cook Islands, Niue, Tokelau, Fiji (iTaukei), Rotuma, Solomon Islands, Vanuatu, New Caledonia, Papua New Guinea, Kiribati, Tuvalu, Palau, Marshall Islands, Federated States of Micronesia, Wallis and Futuna, Hawaii, French Polynesia, Rapanui (Easter Island), Pitcairn Islands, Nauru, Guam, Northern Mariana Islands.*
- V. *For the purposes of this Scholarship, the awardee's GPA is based on all the courses they undertake in each semester of study.*
- VI. *If the awardee does not achieve the required GPA in Semester One, the donor reserves the right to review the awardee's eligibility for the second instalment on a case-by-case basis.*

- VII. *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.*
- VIII. *Awardees may have the opportunity of summer work experience with the New Zealand Super Fund.*