

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:	1 May 2025
Tenure:	One year
For:	Assistance with study
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
- 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 in the year of the award to be eligible for consideration. A grade point average (GPA) or grade point equivalent (GPE) of 5.00 (4.50 for Māori applicants or Pacific applicants [see Note IV]) is required for Scholarship consideration (see Note V).
4. The basis of selection will be academic merit (see Note V), and all round involvement in community activities including sports, clubs, volunteering, part-time work as assessed by a personal statement and CV. The following criteria may also inform selection: the donor's interest in supporting i) Māori students, and/or ii) Pacific students (see

- Note IV), and/or iii) students who are the first in their family to attend university, and/or iv) students with disabilities, and/or v) students from refugee backgrounds, and/or vi) students with care responsibilities for whānau (see Notes VI to IX), and/or vii) students with financial need as assessed by a personal statement and the criteria at Note X.
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 in one instalment in 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. Conjoint students must be enrolled in at least 60 points of relevant courses in the year of the award 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 1 May in the year of the award.
 14. Notes [I]-[XI] 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 have the opportunity of summer work experience with the New Zealand Super Fund.*
- III. *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>.*
- 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, 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).*
- VI. *For the purposes of this Scholarship, 'first in family' means that no member of the applicant's immediate family, including parents and siblings, has completed a university qualification prior to the applicant's first year of study.*

Adoptive and step parents and siblings are considered part of the family where they have lived with the applicant for the previous five or more years.

- VII. Waipapa Taumata Rau, University of Auckland defines disability as any physical, psychological, cognitive or sensory impairment which may, in interaction with social and systemic barriers, limit a person's full and effective participation in university life on an equal basis with others.*
- VIII. For the purposes of this Award, refugee background refers to students who have themselves or whose parents/primary guardian(s) have been granted refuge in New Zealand.*
- IX. Care responsibilities for whānau/family is defined as providing care for someone close to them who needs help with everyday living because of a health condition or disability to support them to live with dignity and participate more fully in society. Care responsibilities could include looking after relatives in the applicant's immediate family who live in the same household, including children, siblings, parents or grandparents.*
- X. Financial need will be determined by a range of factors including current or past eligibility for a StudyLink Student Allowance and personal and financial circumstances.*
- XI. 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.*