

Potentia Scholarship in Computer Science

Code:	765
Faculty:	Science
Applicable study:	BSc or BAdvSci(Hons) in Computer Science
Closing date:	6 November 2025
Tenure:	One year
For:	Tuition fees credit
Number on offer:	One
Offer rate:	Annually
Value:	Up to \$10,000

Description

The Scholarship was established in 2013 and is funded by Potentia Ltd, an IT recruitment specialist company.

The main purpose of the Scholarship is to provide assistance to a Bachelor of Science or Bachelor of Advanced Science (Honours) student with a demonstrated interest in software development who will be enrolling in the final year of their undergraduate degree in Computer Science at Waipapa Taumata Rau, University of Auckland in the following academic year.

Selection process

- Application is made to the Scholarships Office
- A Selection Committee assesses potential candidates
- Short-listed candidates 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 Potentia Scholarship in Computer Science.
2. One Scholarship will be awarded annually, for a period of up to one year, and will cover compulsory tuition fees up to a value of up to \$10,000 (see Note I). The Scholarship will also include access to mentoring and networking opportunities through Potentia.
3. To be eligible for Scholarship consideration, an applicant must be i) a New Zealand Citizen or Permanent Resident (see Note II), ii) enrolled full-time in Stage III of a Bachelor of Science (BSc) or Year Four of a Bachelor of Advanced Science (Honours) (BAdvSci(Hons)) or conjoint programme in Computer Science, in courses related to software development, in the following year. Conjoint students must be enrolled in the penultimate year of their degree at the time of application to be considered for the Scholarship. A grade point average (GPA) or grade point equivalent (GPE) of at least 6.00 (5.50 for Māori and Pacific candidates) is required for Scholarship consideration (see Note III).
4. The basis of selection will be academic merit (see Note III) and the applicant's potential to contribute to software development in New Zealand as assessed by a personal statement and performance in an interview. Short-listed

candidates may be required to attend an interview.

5. The Scholarship will be awarded by the University of Auckland Council upon the recommendation of a Selection Committee comprising the Head of the School of Computer Science (or nominee), an academic staff member nominated by the Head of the School of Computer Science and one representative of Potentia Ltd.
6. The Scholarship will be paid as a tuition fees credit, in two equal instalments in Semester One and 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) (see Note I).
7. To be paid the Scholarship, the awardee must be enrolled in i) either Part III of a BSc, Year Four of a BAdvSci(Hons), or the final year of a BSc or BAdvSci(Hons) conjoint degree in Computer Science, and ii) courses related to software development. Conjoint students must be enrolled in at least 60 points of Computer Science courses to be paid the Scholarship.
8. The Scholarship may be held concurrently 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 School 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. 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.
12. Applications close with the Scholarships Office on 6 November in the year preceding the award.
13. Notes [I]-[VII] below are deemed to be regulations.

Notes

- I. *Compulsory tuition fees are only those related to the relevant programme of study, plus Student Services Fees.*
- 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. *Academic merit is assessed as the Scholarships GPA/GPE obtained over the applicant's most recent two years of full-time graded study (or equivalent). Where an applicant has not completed two years of full-time study (or equivalent) at the time of application for the scholarship, the Scholarships GPA/GPE will be obtained over all study completed to date.*
- IV. *As a condition of this Scholarship the awardee allows the Scholarships Office to release information of their academic progress to the Donor, at the end of the first semester of study and at the end of the academic year.*
- V. *Awardees may be given the opportunity to undertake summer work experience with Potentia Ltd or one of their clients.*
- VI. *Awardees may be given the opportunity to participate in promotional activities for the Scholarship, including profiles on social media, and speaking about the benefit of holding the Scholarship at an industry conference of the Donor's choosing (the cost of attendance will be covered by Potentia Ltd).*
- 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.*