Tim Cooper Memorial Scholarship in Software & Computer Systems Engineering

Code:	1224
Faculty:	Engineering and Design
Applicable study:	Part III of a BE(Hons) or BE(Hons) conjoint degree in Computer Systems Engineering or Software Engineering
Closing date:	11 June 2026
Tenure:	One year
For:	Assistance with study
Number on offer:	One
Offer rate:	Annually
Value:	$8,000

Description

The Scholarship was established in 2024 and is funded by the Guardians of New Zealand Superannuation in memory of a valued colleague, Tim Cooper.

The main purpose of the Scholarship is to support and encourage students to study and pursue careers in software and computer systems engineering, particularly in the New Zealand finance and investment sectors.

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 Tim Cooper Memorial Scholarship in Software & Computer Systems Engineering.
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 New Zealand Citizen or Permanent Resident (see Note II), ii) enrolled, or enrolling, full-time in Part III of a Bachelor of Engineering (Honours) (BE(Hons)), or BE(Hons) conjoint degree, specialising in Computer Systems Engineering or Software Engineering, in the Faculty of Engineering and Design at Waipapa Taumata Rau, University of Auckland. Conjoint degree students must be enrolled in at least 60 points of Computer Systems Engineering or Software Engineering 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 and Pacific applicants [see Note III]) is required for Scholarship consideration (see Note IV).
4. The basis of selection will be academic ability (see Note IV), the applicant’s leadership, innovation and teamwork

skills, contribution towards university and/or community activities, future career plans, financial need as assessed by the criteria at Note V and a personal statement, and a CV.

5. Where there are more than ten applicants, applications will be reviewed and short-listed by a preliminary Selection Committee comprising the Head of the Department of Electrical, Computer, and Software Engineering (or nominee), and two members of Academic Staff from the Department of Electrical, Computer, and Software Engineering nominated by the Head of Department. The preliminary Selection Committee may recommend up to ten applicants to the Selection Committee.
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 Electrical, Computer, and Software Engineering (or nominee), a member of Academic Staff from the Department of Electrical, Computer, and Software Engineering nominated by the Head of School, and a representative of the donors.
7. 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).
8. To be paid the Scholarship, the awardee must be enrolled full-time in Part III of a BE(Hons) or BE(Hons) conjoint degree. Conjoint degree students must be enrolled in at least 60 points of Computer Systems Engineering or Software Engineering courses in the year of the award to be eligible to be paid the Scholarship.
9. 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.
10. 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 Electrical, Computer, and Software Engineering.
11. 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.
12. 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.
13. 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.
14. Applications close with the Scholarships Office on 11 June in the year of the award.
15. Notes [I]-[VI] 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. 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.

IV. For the purpose of this scholarship, academic ability is assessed as a Scholarships GPA or GPE obtained over the applicant's most recent two years of full-time graded study.

V. Financial need will be determined by a range of factors including eligibility for a StudyLink Student Allowance, and

personal and financial circumstances, including if the applicant is working (full-time or part-time), and/or if they are living with their family or independently.

VI. *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.*