

Tower Insurance Data Science Scholarship

Code:	1126
Faculty:	Science
Applicable study:	Master of Data Science or Master of Professional Studies (Data Science)
Closing date:	15 July 2025
Tenure:	Up to two semesters
For:	Assistance with study
Number on offer:	One
Offer rate:	Annually
Value:	Up to \$20,000

Description

The Scholarship was established in 2021 and is funded by Tower Insurance.

The main purpose of the Scholarship is to recognise excellence in postgraduate Data Science studies at Waipapa Taumata Rau, University of Auckland.

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 Tower Insurance Data Science Scholarship.
2. One Scholarship will be awarded annually, subject to availability of funding, for a period of up to two semesters and will be of the value of up to \$20,000. Payments and tenure may be pro-rated for part-time students.
3. To be eligible for Scholarship consideration, an applicant must be i) a New Zealand Citizen or Permanent Resident (see Note II), ii) enrolled in a Master of Data Science or Master of Professional Studies (Data Science), iii) have completed at least the first 60 points of the Master of Data Science or Master of Professional Studies (Data Science), and iv) have completed at least 30 points from COMPSCI 751, 752, 753, 760 or 762 and 30 points from STATS 762 or 763, 769, 782 and 784. A grade point average (GPA) of at least 7.00 (6.50 for Māori and Pacific candidates) across the best 30 points from COMPSCI 751, 752, 753, 760 or 762 and the best 30 points from STATS 762 or 763, 769, 782 and 784 is required for Scholarship consideration.
4. The basis of selection will be academic merit as assessed by the grade point average (GPA) calculated across the best 30 points from COMPSCI 751, 752, 753, 760 or 762 and the best 30 points from STATS 762 or 763, 769, 782 and 784 and the applicant's interest in data science, future employment plans, desire for success and community involvement as assessed by the quality of personal statement.
5. The Scholarship will be awarded by the University of Auckland Council on the recommendation of a Selection

Committee comprising the Head of the School of Computer Science (or nominee), the Head of the Department of Statistics (or nominee), the Data Science Programme Director (or nominee), the Data Science and ICT Programme Manager (or nominee) and the Employer Liaison Manager (or nominee).

6. To be paid the Scholarship, awardees must be enrolled in a Master of Data Science or Master of Professional Studies (Data Science).
7. The Scholarship will be paid in two equal instalments in Semester Two and Semester One in the following 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). Payment to part-time students will be pro-rated on a case-by-case basis.
8. The Tower Insurance Data Science Scholarship may be held with any other scholarship, award or grant where the Regulations for that scholarship, award or grant permit and where 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 Data Science Programme Director.
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 can amend or vary these Regulations, in consultation with the donor, provided that there is no departure from the main purpose of the Scholarship.
13. Applications close with the Scholarships Office on 15 July in the year of the award.
14. Notes [I] – [III] 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. Awardees will be required to comply with the regulations for the Scholarship and must notify the Scholarships Office of any change in their enrolment, employment or funding status. The 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.*