

# EROAD Scholarship for Māori and Pacific Students

<b>Code:</b>	1120
<b>Faculty:</b>	Business School Engineering Science
<b>Applicable study:</b>	Māori and Pacific students enrolling in Stage/Part III or Year/Part IV Computer Science, Data Science, Information Systems or Software Engineering next year
<b>Closing date:</b>	1 August 2024
<b>Tenure:</b>	One year
<b>For:</b>	Assistance with study
<b>Number on offer:</b>	One
<b>Offer rate:</b>	Annually
<b>Value:</b>	Up to \$8,000

## Description

The Scholarship was established in 2015 and is funded by EROAD, a New Zealand company specialising in GPS-based road tax technologies.

The main purpose of this Scholarship is to assist and encourage Māori and Pacific students undertaking study towards a Bachelor of Advanced Science (Honours) or Bachelor of Science in Computer Science or Data Science, a Bachelor of Commerce in Information Systems, or a Bachelor of Engineering (Honours) majoring in Software Engineering.

## 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 EROAD Scholarship for Māori and Pacific Students.
2. One Scholarship will be awarded annually, for a period of up to one year, and will be of the value of up to \$8,000. Recipients of the Scholarship awarded the Scholarship for their penultimate year of study may reapply in the following year.
3. To be eligible for Scholarship consideration, an applicant must be i) a Māori or Pacific student (see Note III), ii) a New Zealand Citizen or Permanent Resident (see Note IV), iii) enrolled in either a) Stage II or Stage III of a Bachelor of Advanced Science (Honours) (BAdvSci(Hons)), or associated conjoint degree, specialising in Computer Science, b) Stage II of a Bachelor of Commerce (BCom), or associated conjoint degree, specialising in Information Systems, c) Stage II of a Bachelor of Science (BSc) or associated conjoint degree in Computer Science or Data Science, or d) Part II or Part III of a Bachelor of Engineering (Honours) in Software Engineering, and iv) planning to enrol in either a)

- Stage III or the Honours year of a BAdvSci(Hons), or associated conjoint degree, specialising in Computer Science, b) Stage III of a BCom or associated conjoint degree specialising in Information Systems, c) Stage III of a BSc or associated conjoint degree specialising in Computer Science or Data Science, or d) Part III or IV of a BE(Hons) or associated conjoint degree specialising in Software Engineering in the following year. A grade point average (GPA) or grade point equivalent (GPE) of at least 5.00 is required for scholarship consideration (see Note V).
4. The basis of selection will be academic merit (see Note V), communication skills, extra-curricular activities, potential to contribute to the software and technology industries, and demonstrated passion for a career in technology as assessed by a personal statement and performance in an interview. Short-listed applicants may be required to attend an interview.
  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 Electrical, Computer, and Software Engineering (or nominee), the Head of the Department of Computer Science (or nominee) and one representative of the Donor.
  6. To be paid the Scholarship, awardees must be enrolled full-time in either i) Stage III or the Honours year of a BAdvSci(Hons), or associated conjoint degree, specialising in Computer Science, ii) Stage III of a BCom or associated conjoint degree specialising in Information Systems, iii) Stage III of a BSc or associated conjoint degree specialising in Computer Science or Data Science, or iv) Part III or IV of a BE(Hons) or associated conjoint degree specialising in Software Engineering
  7. The Scholarship will be paid in two equal instalments in Semester One and Two, as soon as is practical after confirmation of enrolment (that is, after the final date on which a student may add or delete courses without incurring a late enrolment fee).
  8. This Scholarship may not be held concurrently with any other scholarship, award or grant funded by a private company. However, it 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 of a Scholar from the relevant Head of the Department.
  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 1 August in the year preceding the award.
  14. Notes [I]-[VII] below are deemed to be regulations.

## Notes

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- I. *The tax-free status of this Scholarship is under current legislation. The University of Auckland cannot guarantee this tax-free outcome.*
- II. *The awardee may have the opportunity for paid summer work experience with EROAD.*
- III. *Pacific applicants are defined as citizens or permanent residents of New Zealand 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. *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.*

- V. For the purposes of this Scholarship, academic merit for applicants enrolled in Part II or Stage II is assessed as the cumulative GPA. Academic merit for applicants enrolled in Part III or Stage III is assessed as a Scholarships GPA or GPE obtained over the applicant's most recent two years of full-time graded study (or equivalent).*
- VI. Students holding this Scholarship may be required to participate in promotional activities for the Scholarship, including social media.*
- 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.*