

Kiwiplan Scholarship

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| Code: | 286 |
| Faculty: | Business Engineering Science |
| Applicable study: | BSc or BAdvSci(Hons) in Computer Science or Information and Technology Management; BCom in Information Systems; or BE(Hons) in Software Engineering (see Reg. 3) |
| Closing date: | 3 October 2024 |
| Tenure: | One year |
| For: | Assistance with study |
| Number on offer: | One |
| Offer rate: | Annually |
| Value: | Up to \$4,500 each |

Description

The Scholarship was established in 2000 and is financed by Kiwiplan, an IT (Information Technology) company, specialising in computer systems for the paper packaging industry.

The main purpose of the Scholarship is to provide support for Computer Science, Information Systems, and Software Engineering students in their final year of study.

Selection process

- Application is made to the Scholarships Office
- A Selection Committee assesses the applications
- 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 Kiwiplan Scholarship.
2. One Scholarship will be awarded annually for a period of up to one year and will be of the value of up to \$4,500.
3. To be eligible for Scholarship consideration, an applicant must be i) currently enrolled in Stage II of a Bachelor of Science (BSc) or Year Three of a Bachelor of Advanced Science (Honours) (BAdvSci(Hons)) in Computer Science or Information and Technology Management; Stage II of a Bachelor of Commerce (BCom) in Information Systems; or Part III of a Bachelor of Engineering (Honours) (BE(Hons)) in Software Engineering; or associated conjoint degree, and ii) enrolling in the final year of either a BSc or BAdvSci(Hons) in Computer Science or Information and Technology Management; or a BCom in Information Systems; or a BE(Hons) in Software Engineering; or associated conjoint degree in the following year. Conjoint degree 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 II).

4. The Scholarship is tenable by domestic and international students.
5. The basis of selection will be academic merit (see Note II) and the applicant's study plans and experience of direct relevance in computer science, excellent communication and interpersonal skills, excellent verbal and written English language skills, ability to work as part of a team as well as independently, excellent project management and problem solving skills, demonstrated skills as a self-starter, interest in the development of software for manufacturing industries and their longer term career aspirations as assessed by a personal statement and performance in an interview. Short-listed candidates may be required to attend an interview.
6. 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, the Head of the Department of Information Systems and Operations Management, the Head of the Department of Electrical, Computer, and Software Engineering (or their nominees), and two representatives from Kiwiplan.
7. The Scholarship will be paid 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).
8. To be paid the Scholarship, the awardee must be enrolled in the final year of a BSc or BAdvSci(Hons) in Computer Science or Information and Technology Management, or a BCom in Information Systems, or a BE(Hons) in Software Engineering. Conjoint students must be enrolled in a minimum of 60 points of courses in related courses to be paid the Scholarship.
9. 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.
10. The University of Auckland Council has the power to terminate or suspend a Scholarship if it receives a report of unsatisfactory progress by a Scholar from the relevant Head of the School or Department.
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. Nothing in these Regulations prevents Kiwiplan from withdrawing these Scholarships in future years, but it will ensure that a person to whom a Scholarship has been awarded will not be disadvantaged by such a withdrawal.
15. Applications close with the Scholarships Office on 3 October in the year preceding the award.
16. Notes [I]-[IV] 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. *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.*
- III. *Awardees may be invited to undertake summer vacation employment with Kiwiplan (located in Auckland).*
- IV. *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.