

# Kevin Spring Memorial Scholarship in Civil Engineering

## Waeture | Regulations

### Whakamāramatanga | Key Information

<b>Rā whakamutunga Closing date</b>	31 March
<b>Whaipanga   Value</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• \$40,000</li><li>• Provided suitable positions are available, Silvester/Clark Consulting Engineers and Steel Construction New Zealand may offer the recipient a paid internship during tenure of the scholarship and an opportunity for employment following completion of the ME programme.</li></ul>
<b>Wā roanga   Tenure</b>	One year
<b>Rahinga ia tau   Number available annually</b>	One
<b>Herenga tika   Applicable programme/enrolment during tenure</b>	A programme, including ENEQ650 and/or ENEQ651, for an ME degree in Civil Engineering.
<b>Herenga motuhake Special requirements</b>	Applicants must be citizens of Aotearoa New Zealand or holders of Aotearoa New Zealand residence class visas

### 1. Aronga | Purpose

This scholarship supports research master's students in Civil Engineering at Te Whare Wānanga o Waitaha | University of Canterbury.

### 2. Paearu māraurau | Eligibility criteria

2.1 Applicants must have completed an undergraduate degree in a relevant discipline from a New Zealand Institution and be enrolling, in February of the year of application, full-time in a programme for an ME degree in Civil Engineering at the University.

2.2 Applicants must be citizens of Aotearoa New Zealand or holders of Aotearoa New Zealand residence class visas.

### 3. Tukanga tononga | Application process

Applications must be made online at the Scholarships website<sup>1</sup> by 11:59 pm (NZT) on 31 March.

## 4. Tukanga kōwhiringa | Selection process

- 4.1 One scholarship is available annually.
- 4.2 The scholarship is awarded by Te Kaunihera | University Council on the recommendation of a selection committee comprising:
  - a. the Tumu Whakarae | Vice-Chancellor (or nominee);
  - b. the Amo Tuarua Pūkaha me te Ngahere | Associate Dean (Academic: Engineering and Forestry) (or nominee);
  - c. a representative from Silvester/Clark Consulting Engineers; and
  - d. a representative from Steel Construction New Zealand.
- 4.3 Before the selection committee makes its final recommendations, short-listed candidates may be required to attend an interview conducted by SCL and SCNZ.

## 5. Paearu kōwhiringa | Selection criteria

- 5.1 In making the recommendation, the selection committee gives equal consideration to:
  - a. potential to succeed at postgraduate study;
  - b. demonstrated commitment to, or interest in, Civil Engineering, in particular, steel structures engineering;
  - c. potential to contribute to research in Structural Steel Engineering and increase value to the New Zealand fabricated structural steel industry;
  - d. financial need; and
  - e. academic achievement.
- 5.2 If, in any year, there is no candidate of sufficient merit, no scholarship is offered.

## 6. Mahere utu | Value and payment schedule

- 6.1 The scholarship provides financial assistance at a value of \$40,000. In addition, and provided suitable positions are available, Silvester/Clark Consulting Engineers and Steel Construction New Zealand may offer the recipient a paid internship during tenure of the scholarship and an opportunity for employment following the completion of the ME programme.
- 6.2 The scholarship is paid first to the recipient's University fees account. Any balance is paid by direct credit to the recipient's nominated Aotearoa New Zealand bank account, in monthly instalments, as soon as practicable after confirmation of enrolment as specified in clause 7.2.

## 7. Paearu here | Tenability and retention criteria

- 7.1 The scholarship must be taken up in the year of application.
- 7.2 The scholarship is tenable during full-time enrolment in a programme at the University for an ME in Civil Engineering that must include ENEQ650 and/or ENEQ651.
- 7.3 The scholarship is tenable for one year.
- 7.4 The scholarship is not co-tenable with any award of greater value or with a UC Master's Scholarship. With the permission of the Amo Tuarua Pūkaha me te Ngahere | Associate Dean (Academic: Engineering and Forestry) (or nominee), and if the conditions of the other awards do not preclude it, the recipient may hold the scholarship with other awards of equal or lesser value.
- 7.5 The scholarship may be withdrawn, and any paid funds may be recovered if, during tenure, the recipient does not:
  - a. maintain an enrolment that meets the conditions specified in clause 7.2;
  - b. maintain satisfactory academic engagement;<sup>2</sup> and
  - c. adhere to the University's statutes, regulations, policies, and rules.

## 8. Whakamahuki | Background information

Silvester/Clark Consulting Engineers<sup>3</sup> and Steel Construction New Zealand<sup>4</sup> established this scholarship in 2022, with equal contributions. It is in memory of Kevin Spring, who passed away in

2016, leaving a legacy of steel-designed buildings in Aotearoa New Zealand and Australia. Kevin worked in consultancy for over 50 years and led the design or managed project teams on such notable projects as the Esanda building, Martin Place, Sydney, The Law Courts Building, Sydney, The Bank of New South Wales Building, Lambton Quay, Te Whanganui-a-Tara Wellington, the head office for the National Bank in Te Whanganui-a-Tara Wellington, the new 30-storey building for the Bank of New Zealand, Te Whanganui-a-Tara Wellington, the twin-tower National Bank Centre, Tāmaki Makaurau Auckland, Mobil on the Park, Te Whanganui-a-Tara Wellington, New Zealand Steel Sponge Iron Plant, Tāmaki Makaurau Auckland, the New Zealand Aluminium Smelter Upgrade Project Potline 3C Building, and the Mega Centre, Porirua.

Kevin started the Silvester/Clark office in Te Whanganui-a-Tara Wellington in 1999 (the company had started in Te Papa-i-Oea Palmerston North in 1979), after a distinguished career at some large consultancies. Thanks to Kevin's reputation and contacts the firm has continued to grow, and it currently has around 75 staff in five centres in Aotearoa New Zealand.

The only steel plate shear wall building in Aotearoa New Zealand was designed by Kevin, and he was an advocate for the use of EBF braces with replaceable links.

Kevin sat on the Hera Executive for many years and was involved in the setup of Steel Construction New Zealand (SCNZ), under earlier names.

Kevin was involved with the development of seismic design procedures in Aotearoa New Zealand, chairing the NZSEE committee for the seismic design of structural steel. With a strong reputation in seismic design, Kevin was engaged to consult and report on the earthquake damage in Newcastle, Australia, and was a member of the Aotearoa New Zealand team that attended Northridge in Los Angeles immediately after the earthquake there.

Above all, Kevin was regarded as a leader amongst his peers and colleagues.

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## Pitopito kōrero | Notes

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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.canterbury.ac.nz/study/getting-started/scholarships>

<sup>2</sup> For the University's definitions of *satisfactory academic engagement* with regard to scholarships, see <https://www.canterbury.ac.nz/study/getting-started/scholarships/glossary-of-terms>.

<sup>3</sup> <https://www.silvesterclark.co.nz/>

<sup>4</sup> <https://scnz.org/>