Lumin Undergraduate Scholarship

Waeture | Regulations

Whakamāramatanga | Key Information

Rā whakamutunga Closing date	31 March
**Whaipainga	Value**	$10,000 plus, provided a suitable position is available, Lumin may offer the recipient paid employment during the summer vacation at the end of tenure.
**Wā roanga	Tenure**	One year
**Rahinga ia tau	Number available annually**	One
**Herenga tika	Applicable enrolment during tenure**	Full-time enrolment in Third Year of a BE (Hons) programme specialising in Software Engineering, Computer Engineering or Mechatronics Engineering, or the second year of a Bachelor of Data Science or a Bachelor of Science in Computer Science at Te Whare Wānanga o Waitaha	University of Canterbury.
Herenga motuhake Special requirements	Applicants must be Aotearoa New Zealand citizens or holders of Aotearoa New Zealand residence class visas.

1. Aronga | Purpose

This scholarship supports undergraduate students in the Third Year of a BE (Hons) studying Software Engineering, Computer Engineering or Mechatronics Engineering, or the second year of a Bachelor of Data Science or a Bachelor of Science in Computer Science at Te Whare Wānanga o Waitaha | University of Canterbury who have an interest in software development and/or using data analysis.

2. Paearu māraurau | Eligibility criteria

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

2.2 Applicants must be enrolled full-time in the Third Year of a programme for a BE (Hons) specialising in Software Engineering, Computer Engineering or Mechatronics Engineering, or the second year of a Bachelor of Data Science or a Bachelor of Science in Computer Science at Te Whare Wānanga o Waitaha | University of Canterbury.

3. Tukanga tononga | Application process

3.1 Applications must be made online at the Scholarships website[1] 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 Head of the Department of Computer Science and Software Engineering (or nominee); and

    c. a representative of Lumin.

5. Paearu kōwhiringa | Selection criteria

5.1 In making the recommendation, the selection committee considers:

    a. academic achievement;

    b. curiosity and passion for engineering and interest in software development and/or using data analysis;

    c. career aspirations; and

    d. character.

Academic achievement and curiosity for engineering and interest in software development and/or using data analysis are given greatest weighting in shortlisting candidates. Interview performance is given the greatest weighting in determining the final recipient.

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 $10,000. Provided a suitable position is available, Lumin may also offer the recipient paid employment during the summer vacation at the end of tenure of the award.

6.2 The scholarship is paid by direct credit to the recipient's nominated Aotearoa New Zealand bank account.

6.3 Payment will be made as soon as possible after acceptance of the scholarship.

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 Third Year of a BE (Hons) programme in Software Engineering, Computer Engineering or Mechatronics Engineering, or the second year of a Bachelor of Data Science or a Bachelor of Science in Computer Science at Te Whare Wānanga o Waitaha | University of Canterbury.

7.3 The scholarship is tenable for one year.

7.4 The scholarship is not co-tenable with any other scholarship.

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,[2] and,

    c. adhere to the University's statutes, regulations, policies, and rules.

7.5 By accepting an award, recipients indicate that they are willing to be involved with Lumin publicity as appropriate.

8. Whakamahuki | Background information

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Founded by UC Engineering graduate Max Ferguson, Lumin maintains strong ties to the University of Canterbury, with many team members proudly calling UC their alma mater. Their mission extends beyond technology – they're committed to nurturing the next generation of engineering talent and contributing to Christchurch's emergence as a leading technology hub in the Southern Hemisphere.

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Pitopito kōrero | Notes

[1] https://www.canterbury.ac.nz/study/getting-started/scholarships

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