

# Tait Communications Master's Research Scholarship

## Waeture | Regulations

### Whakamāramatanga | Key Information

<b>Rā whakamutunga</b> Closing date	1 November
<b>Whaipanga   Value</b>	\$21,000 per annum plus tuition fees at the Aotearoa New Zealand domestic rate. <sup>1</sup>
<b>Wā roanga   Tenure</b>	One year for a master's thesis
<b>Rahinga ia tau   Number available annually</b>	Normally one annually
<b>Herenga tika   Applicable enrolment/programmes during tenure</b>	Full-time enrolment in a research master's in Critical Information and Communication Technology (CICT) that is of relevance to the current interests of Tait Communications.
<b>Herenga motuhake</b> Special requirements	Applicants must be New Zealand citizens or holders of New Zealand residence class visas.

### 1. Aronga | Purpose

This scholarship encourages research by master's students related to Critical Information and Communications Technology (CICT) at Te Whare Wānanga o Waitaha | University of Canterbury.

### 2. Paearu māraurau | Eligibility criteria

- 2.1 Applicants must be intending to undertake thesis research for a master's in Critical Information and Communications Technology (CICT) in the year following application. The proposed research must be of relevance to the current interests of Tait Communications. Preference will be given to applicants undertaking relevant research in conjunction with the Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering including the Wireless Research Centre at the University.
- 2.2 Applicants must be New Zealand citizens or holders of New Zealand residence class visas.

### 3. Tukanga tononga | Application process

- 3.1 Applications must be made online at the Scholarships website<sup>2</sup> by 11:59pm on 1 November.

### 4. Tukanga kōwhiringa | Selection process

- 4.1 One or more scholarships are available to support full-time study for a master's thesis. Normally, scholarships for master's students are 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); and
  - b. the Head of Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering (or nominee); and
  - c. the Director of the Wireless Research Centre (or nominee); and
  - d. a representative of Tait Communications

## **5. Paearu kōwhiringa | Selection criteria**

- 5.1 In making the recommendations, the selection committee gives equal consideration to:
- a. the proposed research;
  - b. the candidate's academic achievement and ability to pursue research; and
  - c. the relevance of the candidate's proposed project to the current interests of Tait Communications.
- 5.2 If, in any year, there are fewer candidates of sufficient merit than there are scholarships available, fewer scholarships are offered. If, as a result, the total sum awarded is less than the total amount available for disbursement, the balance may be either added to the capital of the fund or held in reserve to provide an additional scholarship in a subsequent year, as the Council may determine.

## **6. Mahere utu | Value and payment schedule**

- 6.1 The scholarship provides financial assistance at a value of \$21,000 per annum plus tuition fees at the Aotearoa New Zealand domestic rate.<sup>1</sup>
- 6.2 The scholarship stipend is paid by direct credit to the recipient's nominated Aotearoa New Zealand bank account in monthly instalments. The fees component is paid to the recipient's university fees account.
- 6.3 Payments will begin as soon as practicable on confirmation of enrolment in the specified course.

## **7. Paearu here | Tenability and retention criteria**

- 7.1 The scholarship must be taken up in the year following the year of application.
- 7.2 The scholarship is tenable for full-time enrolment in a research master's project in Critical Information and Communication Technology (CICT).
- 7.3 The scholarship is tenable for one year. Recipients should normally be enrolled in the relevant master's programme by 1 June in the year following the year of application. A recipient who is unable to enrol by this deadline must seek permission from a relevant Dean to take up the scholarship at a later date. Without such permission the award will be terminated.
- 7.4 If it is necessary for their research, recipients, with the permission of a relevant Dean, may retain the scholarship while carrying out research for limited periods outside the University.
- 7.5 With the permission of the Director of Postgraduate Studies in the Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering (or nominee), but not otherwise, the scholarship is co-tenable with any other award. In granting such permission, conditions on a recipient's co-tenure may be imposed, such as reducing the amount of the stipend associated with a scholarship.
- 7.6 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>3</sup> and
  - c. adhere to the University's statutes, regulations, policies, and rules.

## **8. Whakamahuki | Background information**

The Tait Communications Research Scholarship was established in 2014 to replace the Tait Electronics Ltd Research Fellowships following a change to the Tait company name. Funds for Tait Electronics Ltd Research Ltd Research Fellowships were provided from donations made in 2003 by Tait Electronics

Limited for the purpose of encouraging research in Electrical and Electronic Engineering at the University of Canterbury. In 2023, the scholarship was split into two separate scholarships, one supporting doctoral students and the other supporting master's students.

**Rā whakaae | Approval date:** December 2024

**Tuhinga i mua | Previous versions:** March 2014; October 2015; April 2017; August 2023

**Tohutoro | Reference:** 91566

## **Pitopito kōrero | Notes**

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<sup>1</sup> The scholarship does not directly cover the Student Services Levy, medical insurance, or accommodation.

<sup>2</sup> <https://www.canterbury.ac.nz/study/getting-started/scholarships>

<sup>3</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>.