

Tait Communications Undergraduate Scholarship

Regulations

Key Information

Closing date	31 March
Value	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$5,000 • Tait Communications may also offer paid employment during the summer vacation following the tenure of the award, provided suitable positions are available.
Tenure	One year
Number available annually	One or more ¹
Applicable programmes during tenure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BE(Hons), Second or Third Professional Year, with specialisation in one of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Computer Engineering • Electrical and Electronic Engineering • Software Engineering • 300 level of a BSc or a BSc(Hons) in Computer Science
Special requirements	Applicants must be citizens of New Zealand or holders of New Zealand residence class visas.

1. Purpose

The scholarship supports undergraduate students in Computer Engineering, Computer Science, Electrical and Electronic Engineering, and Software Engineering at the University of Canterbury.

2. Eligibility criteria

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

2.2 Applicants must be enrolled full-time at the University in one of the following:

a. The Second or Third Professional Year of a programme for a Bachelor of Engineering with Honours (BE(Hons)) degree with a specialisation in:

- Computer Engineering; or
- Electrical and Electronic Engineering; or
- Software Engineering.

b. A 300-level programme for a Bachelor of Science (BSc) or a BSc with Honours (BSc(Hons)) degree in Computer Science.

3. Selection process

- 3.1 One or more¹ scholarships are available annually.
- 3.2 The scholarship is awarded by the Council of the University on the recommendation of a selection committee comprising:
- a. the Vice-Chancellor (or nominee);
 - b. the Head of the Department of Computer Science and Software Engineering (or nominee);
 - c. the Head of the Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering (or nominee); and
 - d. a representative of Tait Communications.

4. Selection criteria

- 4.1 In making the recommendation(s), the committee considers:
- a. academic achievement;
 - b. potential contribution to the computer engineering, electrical and electronic engineering, or software industry.
- 4.2 If, in any year, there are fewer candidates of sufficient merit than there are scholarships available, fewer awards are made. In such a case, the value of the scholarship or scholarships is held in reserve to provide one or more additional scholarships in a subsequent year.

5. Application process

Applications must be made online at the [Scholarships website](#)² by 31 March.

6. Tenability

- 6.1 The scholarship is tenable during full-time enrolment at the University in one of the following:
- a. The Second or Third Professional Year of a programme for a BE(Hons) degree with specialisation in one of the following:
 - Computer Engineering
 - Electrical and Electronic Engineering
 - Software Engineering.
 - b. A 300-level programme for a BSc or a BSc(Hons) in Computer Science.
- 6.2 The scholarship is tenable for one year.
- 6.3 The scholarship is co-tenable with any other award, unless the conditions of the other award preclude this.

7. Value and payment schedule

- 7.1 The scholarship provides financial assistance to a value of \$5,000. In addition to the stipend, Tait Communications may also offer a recipient paid employment during the summer vacation following the tenure of the scholarship, provided suitable positions are available.
- 7.2 The stipend is paid by direct credit to the recipient's nominated New Zealand bank account, in two equal instalments, one in each semester. The first payment is made as soon as practicable after the scholarship offer has been accepted.

8. Conditions of acceptance

- 8.1 The scholarship must be taken in in the year of application.
- 8.2 Unless otherwise specified in the offer letter, an offer of a scholarship lapses if it is not formally accepted within one calendar month of the date of the offer.
- 8.3 By accepting the award, recipients permit publication and announcement of their acceptance of the award.

8.4 In the event where a recipient's enrolment in the year of tenure no longer meets the conditions specified in clause 6.1, the scholarship is withdrawn and any paid funds may be recovered.

8.5 Continuation of a scholarship is conditional on satisfactory academic progress and adherence to the University's statutes and regulations.

9. Background information

Tait Communications established the scholarship in 2013 to replace the Tait Electronics Ltd Undergraduate Scholarship, which in 2003 had replaced the Tait Electronics Scholarship in Electrical and Electronic Engineering that Tait Electronics Ltd had founded in 1987.

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Notes

¹ In any year, more than one scholarship may be available if funds permit.

² <http://www.canterbury.ac.nz/scholarships/>