

The Tait Foundation Women in Engineering Scholarship

Waeture | Regulations

Whakamāramatanga | Key Information

Rā whakamutunga Closing date	7 August
Whaipanga Value	\$2,000
Wā roanga Tenure	One year
Rahinga ia tau Number available annually	Fifteen scholarships
Herenga tika Applicable enrolment during tenure	Full-time enrolment in first year of a BE (Hons) programme
Herenga motuhake Special requirements	Applicants must identify as female.

1. Aronga | Purpose

The scholarship supports female students starting their first year of a programme for a Bachelor of Engineering with Honours degree (BE (Hons)) at Te Whare Wānanga o Waitaha | University of Canterbury.

2. Paearu māraurau | Eligibility criteria

2.1 Applicants must identify as female.

2.2 Applicants must be intending to enrol full-time at the University in their first year of a programme for BE (Hons) degree.

3. Tukanga tononga | Application process

Applications must be made online at the Scholarships website¹ by 11:59 pm (NZT) on 7 August.

4. Tukanga kōwhiringa | Selection process

4.1 Fifteen scholarships are available.

4.2 The scholarship is awarded by the University Council on the recommendation of a selection committee comprising:

- the Amo Matua | Executive Dean Engineering (or nominee); and
- the Associate Dean (Academic First Year) of Engineering (or nominee)

- c. a representative of the UC Foundation

5. Paearu kōwhiringa | Selection criteria

5.1 In making the recommendations, the selection committee considers:

- a. Demonstrated commitment to, or interest in, the field of engineering; and
- b. General character, leadership potential, and communication and social skills.
- c. Quality of achievement at NCEA Level 2, or in equivalent qualifications, for admission to Te Whare Wānanga o Waitaha | University of Canterbury.

5.2 If, in any year, there are fewer candidates of sufficient merit than there are scholarships available, fewer scholarships are offered.

6. Mahere utu | Value and payment schedule

6.1 The scholarship provides financial assistance at a value of \$2,000.

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

7. Paearu here | Tenability and retention criteria

7.1 The scholarship must be taken up in Semester 1 of the year following the year of application².

7.2 The scholarship is tenable during full-time enrolment at the University in the first year of a programme for an BE (Hons) degree.

7.3 The scholarship is tenable for one year.

7.4 The scholarship is not co-tenable with the Tait Foundation WIE CAN Scholarship. Apart from this, the scholarship is co-tenable with any other award unless the conditions of the other award preclude this.

7.5 By accepting the award, recipients agree to participate in any publicity concerning the scholarship arranged by the Tait Foundation.

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 engagement³; and
- c. adhere to the University's statutes, regulations, policies, and rules.

8. Whakamahuki | Background information

The Tait Foundation established the scholarship in 2023 to support young women entering the field of engineering. The Tait Foundation was created when Sir Angus Tait put his company shares into a trust. The Foundation supports education and engineering in Ōtautahi Christchurch.

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Pitopito kōrero | Notes

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

² Uptake of the scholarship cannot be deferred unless there are exceptional extenuating circumstances, such as compelling medical reasons or adverse personal circumstances beyond a student's control. Those seeking exception would need to contact scholarships@canterbury.ac.nz.

³ 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>.