

# UC Computer Science High Achievers Award

Waeture | Regulations

## Whakamāramatanga | Key Information

<b>Rā whakamutunga</b> Closing date	15 August
<b>Whaipanga   Value</b>	\$2,000
<b>Wā roanga   Tenure</b>	One year
<b>Rahinga ia tau   Number available annually</b>	Six, one of which is reserved for a student with whakapapa Māori, and one of which is reserved for a Pacific/Pasifika student. <sup>1</sup>
<b>Herenga tika   Applicable enrolment/programmes during tenure</b>	Full-time enrolment in a programme for a BSc degree in Computer Science including (a) COSC 121 or COSC 131, and (b) COSC 122. <sup>2</sup>

### 1. Aronga | Purpose

This scholarship recognises and supports high-achieving students who are entering their first year of a BSc degree programme and majoring in Computer Science at Te Whare Wānanga o Waitaha | University of Canterbury.

### 2. Paearu māraurau | Eligibility criteria

Applicants must not have been enrolled in a degree programme at any tertiary institute.<sup>3</sup> International students who meet this requirement are eligible to apply.

### 3. Tukanga tononga | Application process

Applications must be made online at the Scholarships website<sup>4</sup> by 15 August.

### 4. Tukanga kōwhiringa | Selection process

4.1 Six scholarships are available annually, one of which is reserved for a student with whakapapa Māori, and one of which is reserved for a Pacific/Pasifika student.<sup>1</sup>

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

- the Tumu Whakarae | Vice-Chancellor (or nominee);
- the Amo Matua | Executive Dean of Engineering (or nominee);
- the Tumuaki Tari, Te Tari Pūhanga Pūmanawa Rorohiko | Head of the Department of Computer Science and Software Engineering (or nominee); and
- the Kaihautū Matua, Te Waka Pākākano | Executive Director of the Office of Māori, Pacific, and Equity (or nominee).

## 5. Paearu kōwhiringa | Selection criteria

- 5.1 In making the recommendations, the selection committee gives equal consideration to:
- demonstrated commitment to, or interest in, the intended degree programme;
  - academic achievement at NCEA Level 2 or in equivalent university entrance qualifications; and
  - strategic objectives of the University.
- 5.2 If, in any year, there is no applicant with whakapapa Māori or no applicant who is Pacific/Pasifika who is of sufficient merit, the scholarship reserved for such students is made available to other applicants.
- 5.3 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 a recipient's nominated Aotearoa New Zealand bank account as soon as practicable after:
- the final date on which a student may receive a full refund for withdrawal from a Semester One course;<sup>5</sup> and
  - confirmation of enrolment as specified in clause 7.2.<sup>2</sup>

## 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 during full-time enrolment in a first year of study in a programme for a BSc degree in Computer Science at the University that includes:
- COSC 121 *Introduction to Computer Programming* or COSC 131 *Introduction to Programming for Engineers*; and
  - COSC 122 *Introduction to Computer Science*.<sup>2</sup>
- 7.3 The scholarship is tenable for one year.
- 7.4 The scholarship is co-tenable with any other award unless the conditions of the other award preclude this.
- 7.5 If, during tenure, a recipient's enrolment no longer meets the conditions specified in clause 7.2, the scholarship may be withdrawn and any paid funds may be recovered.
- 7.6 Continuation of a scholarship is conditional on satisfactory academic engagement,<sup>6</sup> and adherence to the University's statutes, regulations, policies, and rules.

## 8. Whakamahuki | Background information

Te Tari Pūhanga Pūmanawa Rorohiko | Department of Computer Science and Software Engineering established the prize in 2012.

**Rā whakaae | Approval date:** June 2022

**Tuhinga i mua | Previous versions:** June 2012; April 2014; March 2016; March 2017; March 2022; April 2022

**Tohutoro | Reference:** 5075/5/161; UC COSC High; 25000:5860:250STRATGY:0:1

## Pitopito kōrero | Notes

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<sup>1</sup> For the University's definition of *Pacific/Pasifika student* with regard to scholarships, see <https://www.canterbury.ac.nz/get-started/scholarships/glossary-of-terms/>.

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<sup>2</sup> Recipients who gain direct entry into Year 2 of the degree programme are exempt from enrolling in the courses specified in clause 7.2.

<sup>3</sup> Participation in STAR courses, community education courses offered by tertiary institutions, orientation, or general interest programmes run by tertiary institutions for secondary school students does not preclude application for the award.

<sup>4</sup> [www.canterbury.ac.nz/scholarships/](http://www.canterbury.ac.nz/scholarships/)

<sup>5</sup> For the final dates on which students may receive a full refund for withdrawal from a course see <https://www.canterbury.ac.nz/study/keydates/course-dates/>.

<sup>6</sup> For the University's definition of *satisfactory academic engagement* with regard to scholarships, see <https://www.canterbury.ac.nz/get-started/scholarships/glossary-of-terms/>.