

UC Engineering Top Achievers Scholarship

Waeture | Regulations

Whakamāramatanga | Key Information

Rā whakamutunga Closing date	15 August
Whaipanga Value	\$5,000 per annum, or \$1,500 per annum
Wā roanga Tenure	Two years
Rahinga ia tau Number available annually	Forty
Herenga tika Applicable enrolment during tenure	Full-time enrolment in a recipient's first two years of a BE(Hons) or a BE(Hons) conjoint programme

1. Aronga | Purpose

The scholarship recognises and supports top achievers entering their first year of study in a BE(Hons) or BE(Hons) conjoint degree programme at Te Whare Wānanga o Waitaha | University of Canterbury.

2. Paearu māraurau | Eligibility criteria

- 2.1 Applicants must have studied at secondary level either (1) in Aotearoa New Zealand, or (2) overseas at Te Aho o Te Kura Pounamu.¹ International students who meet these requirements are eligible to apply.
- 2.2 Applicants must not have been enrolled in a degree programme at any tertiary institute. 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 UC Engineering Top Achievers Scholarship.

3. Tukanga tononga | Application process

Applications must be made online at the Scholarships website² by 15 August.

4. Tukanga kōwhiringa | Selection process

- 4.1 Forty scholarships 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);
 - b. the Executive Dean of Engineering (or nominee); and
 - c. another dean of Engineering (or nominee).

5. Paearu kōwhiringa | Selection criteria

- 5.1 In making the recommendations, the selection committee gives equal consideration to:
- academic achievement, as indicated by quality of achievement at NCEA Level 2, or in equivalent university entrance qualifications;
 - cultural and/or sporting participation, and/or community service;
 - leadership potential;
 - general character; and
 - strategic objectives of the University.
- 5.2 If, in any year, there are fewer candidates of sufficient merit than there are scholarships available, fewer are offered.

6. Mahere utu | Value and payment schedule

- 6.1 The scholarship provides financial assistance at either \$5,000 per annum or \$1,500 per annum. The highest-ranked applicants are offered the scholarship at a value of \$5,000 per annum, and the next-highest-ranked are offered it at \$1,500 per annum.
- 6.2 The scholarship is paid by direct credit to the recipient's nominated Aotearoa New Zealand bank account, as soon as practicable in each year of tenure after:
- the final date in Semester 1 on which a student may receive a full refund for withdrawal from a course;³ and
 - confirmation of enrolment as specified in clause 7.2.

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 recipient's first two years of a programme for a BE(Hons) or a BE(Hons) conjoint degree at the University.
- 7.3 The scholarship is not co-tenable with any other awards funded by Te Whare Wānanga o Waitaha University of Canterbury, apart from the following:
- Tuition fee scholarships
 - AIMS Scholarship
 - Go Waitaha Canterbury Scholarship
 - UC Takere Scholarship
- The scholarship is co-tenable with awards that are not funded by the University.
- 7.4 The scholarship may be withdrawn, and any paid funds may be recovered if, during tenure, the recipient does not:
- maintain an enrolment that meets the conditions specified in clause 7.2;
 - maintain satisfactory academic engagement and progress⁴; and
 - adhere to the University's statutes, regulations, policies, and rules.

8. Whakamahuki | Background information

Te Rāngai Pūkaha | College of Engineering established the scholarship in 2021. It replaces the UC Engineering High Achievers Award and the UC Engineering Top Scholars Award.

Rā whakaae | Approval date: June 2024

Tuhinga i mua | Previous versions: April 2021; February 2022; April 2022; May 2022

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Pitopito kōrero | Notes

¹ Aotearoa New Zealand secondary-level students who go on an official overseas exchange during or after secondary-level study may be considered on a case-by-case basis.

² www.canterbury.ac.nz/scholarships/

³ See <https://www.canterbury.ac.nz/get-started/fees/tuition-fee-refunds/>.

⁴ The University's definition of *satisfactory academic engagement and progression* concerning this scholarship is the maintenance of a GPA of at least 6.0 during the tenure of the award.