

UC Computer Science & Software Engineering Doctoral Scholarship

Waeture | Regulations

Whakamāramatanga | Key Information

Rā whakamutunga Closing date	None: Applicants may apply at any time during the year; the Department Research Committee will determine when scholarships are allocated.
Whaipanga Value	Tuition fees for thesis enrolment only, at the Aotearoa New Zealand domestic rate. The highest-ranked applicants will also receive a stipend at the value of NZ\$28,000 per 120 points of thesis enrolment.
Wā roanga Tenure	The scholarships are tenable for the period necessary to complete up to 360 points of enrolment.
Rahinga ia tau Number available annually	Varies
Herenga tika Applicable enrolment/programmes during tenure	The scholarships are tenable by students engaged in study for a research doctoral degree in Computer Science and Software Engineering.

1. Aronga | Purpose

This scholarship recognises and supports students who are enrolled in a doctoral degree programme in Computer Science and Software Engineering at Te Whare Wānanga o Waitaha | University of Canterbury.

2. Paearu māraurau | Eligibility criteria

2.1 Candidates must have been offered admission to a doctoral programme in Computer Science & Software Engineering at Te Whare Wānanga o Waitaha | University of Canterbury.

2.2 Intending students who already hold a research doctoral degree¹ are not eligible for the scholarship.

3. Tukanga tononga | Application process

3.1 Applications for the scholarship must be made to the Administration of the Department.

3.2 Applications for the scholarship must include the following:

- a. **Research Proposal:** A two-page research proposal written by the applicant. The research proposal should include the following information:
 - Project title.
 - Background: A summary providing context around the research topic.
 - Synopsis of the project: A concise summary including the problem statement; research question(s); its importance and significance; and expected outcomes.
 - Proposed methodology: A description of research methodology, covering methods for data collection and analysis; limitations; and key assumptions.
 - Work plan and required resources.

- **References.** A list of references used in the proposal. The References section will not count towards the page limit.
- b. **Supervisor:** Evidence of contact with the applicant's supervisor, such as email communication, which confirms their availability and support of the application.
 - c. **Academic Documents:** Degree certificate/diploma, full academic transcript (both individual semester-wise transcripts as well as consolidated results, where available), and grading scale for all tertiary-level qualifications. If the documents are not issued in English, an official English translation, as well as the original language documents are required.
 - d. **Curriculum Vitae:** This should include academic history, work history, and any relevant research experience.
 - e. **Thesis (if applicable):** The full thesis, if submitted in English, or in the case of theses not written in English, the thesis abstract in English.
 - f. **Evidence of English Language Proficiency (if applicable).**

4. Tukanga kōwhiringa | Selection process

- 4.1 The scholarship is awarded by Te Tari Pūhanga Pūmanawa Rorohiko | the Department of Computer Science & Software Engineering on the recommendation of a selection committee comprising:
 - a. the Tumuaki Tari, Te Tari Pūhanga Pūmanawa Rorohiko | Head of the Department of Computer Science and Software Engineering (or nominee)
 - b. the Department Research Chair (or nominee); and
 - c. a member drawn from the Department's Research Committee.
- 4.2 The selection committee will not include the supervisor.

5. Paearu kōwhiringa | Selection criteria

- 5.1 In making the recommendations, the selection committee gives equal consideration to:
 - a. academic achievement
 - b. publications by the applicant
 - c. relevance and feasibility of the research project; and
 - d. strategic objectives of the University.
- 5.2 If in any year, there are fewer candidates of sufficient merit for the scholarship than there are such scholarships available, fewer offers of scholarship are made.

6. Mahere utu | Value and payment schedule

- 6.1 The scholarship provides financial assistance to cover the tuition fees for the thesis enrolment. The highest-ranked applicants are offered a stipend of NZ\$28,000 per 120 points of thesis enrolment in addition to the tuition fees. The tuition fees are for thesis enrolment only, at the Aotearoa New Zealand domestic rate².
- 6.2 The tenure of the scholarship is for the period necessary to complete 360 points of enrolment in the thesis.
- 6.3 For a part-time student, the values of the instalments of the stipend payments, and the duration of the scholarship, are proportionate to the student's workload.
- 6.4 The scholarship stipend is paid by direct credit to a recipient's nominated New Zealand bank account in monthly instalments.
- 6.5 The first stipend payment is made as soon as practicable after the recipient has accepted the scholarship offer, completed enrolment in the applicable doctoral programme at the University, and begun study in the thesis component of the programme.

7. Paearu here | Tenability and retention criteria

- 7.1 The scholarship is tenable by full-time and part-time students enrolled in the thesis component of a research doctoral degree in Mātai Rorohiko | Computer Science and Hanga Pūmanawa | Software Engineering at the University.

- 7.2 The scholarship is tenured for the period required to complete 360 points in the thesis.
- 7.3 The scholarship is not co-tenable with any other doctoral research scholarship.
- 7.4 The scholarship is not available for any period during which the student has suspended their studies.
- 7.5 If, during tenure, the recipient's enrolment no longer meets the conditions specified in clause 7.1 and 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 progress 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 2022.

Rā whakaae | Approval date: October 2022
Tuhinga i mua | Previous versions: March 2022
Tohutoro | Reference: -

Pitopito kōrero | Notes

¹ For the University's definition of a research doctoral degree see <https://www.canterbury.ac.nz/get-started/scholarships/glossary-of-terms>

² The scholarship does not directly cover the Student Services Levy, medical insurance, or accommodation.