

# G B Battersby–Trimble Scholarship in Computer Science

## Regulations

### Key Information

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| <b>Closing date</b>                        | 31 March   |
| <b>Value</b>                               | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• \$2,000 for honours students and master's students doing courses.</li><li>• \$7,000 for master's thesis students.</li><li>• \$8,000 for PhD thesis students.</li></ul>             |
| <b>Tenure</b>                              | One year   |
| <b>Number available annually</b>           | Up to four   |
| <b>Applicable programmes during tenure</b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Final year in honours degree programme in Computer Science.</li><li>• Master's degree programme in Computer Science.</li><li>• PhD degree programme in Computer Science.</li></ul> |

### 1. Purpose

The scholarship supports postgraduate students in Computer Science at the University of Canterbury.

### 2. Eligibility criteria

2.1 Applicants must be enrolled full-time or part-time at the University in one of the following:

- a. The final year of a programme for an honours degree in Computer Science.
- b. A programme for a master's degree in Computer Science.
- c. A programme for a PhD in Computer Science.

2.2 Current and former recipients may apply for new tenure of the scholarship.

### 3. Selection process

3.1 Up to four scholarships are available annually, as follows:

- Up to two scholarships are available to students who are either in the final year of a programme for an honours degree or who are engaged in courses for a master's degree.
- Up to two scholarships are available to students who are engaged in a thesis for a master's or PhD degree.

3.2 The scholarship is awarded by the Council of the University on the recommendation of the Head of the Department of Computer Science and Software Engineering (or nominee).

### 4. Selection criteria

4.1 In making the recommendations, the Head of Department (or nominee) primarily considers academic achievement. The following are also taken into account:

- a. Breadth of background, either in subjects other than Computer Science that the applicant has taken at the University, or in work experience.
- b. The likely value of any research project, in progress or proposed, to the advancement of computing in New Zealand.

Preference is given to those who are studying for an honours or master's degree.

4.2 If, in any year, there are fewer candidates of sufficient merit in a category of the scholarship, fewer awards are made in that category.

## 5. Application process

Applications must be made online at the [Scholarships website](#)<sup>1</sup> by 31 March.

## 6. Tenability

6.1 The scholarship is tenable during full-time or part-time enrolment at the University in a one of the following:

- a. The final year of a programme for an honours degree in Computer Science.
- b. A programme for a master's degree in Computer Science.
- c. A programme for a PhD in Computer Science.

6.2 The scholarship is tenable for one year.

6.3 Scholarships awarded for tenure in accordance with clause 6.1a or 6.1b are co-tenable with any other award, unless the conditions of the other award preclude this. Scholarships awarded for tenure in accordance with clause 6.1c are not co-tenable with a UC Doctoral Scholarship or with any other award of equal or greater value than the UC Doctoral Scholarship.

## 7. Value and payment schedule

7.1 The scholarship provides financial assistance as follows:

- \$2,000 for honours students and master's students doing courses.
- \$7,000 for master's thesis students.
- \$8,000 for PhD thesis students.

7.2 The scholarship is paid by direct credit to the recipient's nominated New Zealand bank account as soon as practicable after a scholarship offer has been accepted. The payment to thesis students is made in two equal instalments, one in each semester of tenure.

## 8. Conditions of acceptance

8.1 The scholarship must be taken 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. On completion of scholarship tenure, recipients may be required by Trimble New Zealand to give an oral presentation to the company on the results of any research undertaken during tenure.

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

Dr G B Battersby made a generous gift to the University in 1987 to establish a trust fund "for the purpose of the advancement of learning in the computer field in New Zealand". Until 2019, to the income from the

trust fund was added an annual grant, provided originally by Datacom Group and after 1996 by Trimble New Zealand. The Trimble grant was given in "recognition of the long service provided by the late Dr Battersby to the University and to the computing profession".

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<sup>1</sup> <http://www.canterbury.ac.nz/scholarships/>