

Regulations

This scholarship encourages research related to Critical Information and Communications Technology (CICT) at the University of Canterbury.

1. The scholarship provides financial assistance to values specified in note 1.
2. One or more scholarships are available to support full-time study for a PhD degree or a master's thesis. Normally, scholarships for master's students are available annually, and scholarships for PhD students are available once every three years.
3. The scholarship is available to graduates who are intending to undertake thesis research in Critical Information and Communications Technology (CICT) that is of relevance to the current interests of Tait Communications. Preference will be given to applicants undertaking relevant research in conjunction with the Wireless Research Centre at the University.
4. Applicants must be New Zealand citizens or holders of New Zealand residence class visas.
5. The scholarship is tenable for one year in the case of a recipient studying for a master's thesis, and for up to three years in the case of a recipient studying for a PhD degree.
6. The scholarship must be taken up in the year following the year of application.
7. To be eligible for a scholarship an applicant must have met the requirements for enrolment in the relevant master's or PhD programme by 10 December in the year of application.²
8. Every recipient not already enrolled in a relevant master's or PhD programme should normally be enrolled in the programme by 1 June in the year following the year of application. A recipient who is unable to enrol by this deadline must seek permission from the Dean of Postgraduate Research (in the case of prospective PhD students) or the Dean of the relevant college (in the case of prospective master's students) to take up the scholarship at a later date. Without such permission the award will be terminated.
9. The scholarship is awarded by the Council of the University on the recommendation of a selection committee comprising:
 - a. the Vice-Chancellor (or nominee);

¹ The current values of the scholarship are \$15,000 per annum for master's students and \$30,000 per annum for PhD students.

² By 10 December in the year of application:

- applicants must have received final confirmed grades for the qualifying degree; and
- applicants requiring admission ad eundem statum must have had this admission confirmed unconditionally (including any English language requirements); and
- applicants enrolled for a master's degree at the University and wishing to transfer to a PhD degree programme must have completed the transfer.

In addition, for applicants who have completed the academic requirements but not the non-academic requirements for the BE(Hons) degree, offers of awards are conditional on the completion and crediting of the non-academic requirements by 15 March in the year following application. Students may not take up the scholarship until such non-academic requirements have been completed and credited.

- b. the Head of Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering (or nominee);
 - c. the Director of the Wireless Research Centre (or nominee); and
 - d. a representative of Tait Communications.
10. In making its recommendation the selection committee will consider:
- a. the general suitability of the candidate and proposed thesis topic, including the candidate's academic achievement and ability to pursue research; and
 - b. the potential relevance to the current interests of Tait Communications of the candidate's proposed project.
11. Applications must be made on the appropriate form, obtainable from the Scholarships website,³ and must be received by the Scholarships Office not later than 5pm on 1 November, or, if this is not a business day, by 5pm on the next business day.
12. The scholarship may not be held with any other bursary, scholarship, or fellowship.
13. If it is necessary for their research, recipients, with the permission of the Dean of Postgraduate Research (in the case of PhD students) or the Dean of the relevant college (in the case of master's students), may retain the scholarship while carrying out research for limited periods outside the University.
14. If, in any year, there is no candidate of sufficient merit, no award will be made. If, in any year, the total sum awarded is less than the total amount available for disbursement, the balance may be either added to the capital of the fund, or held in reserve to provide an additional scholarship in a subsequent year, as the Council may determine.
15. Unless otherwise specified in the offer letter, an offer of a scholarship will lapse if it is not accepted, in writing, within one calendar month of the date of the offer.
16. A condition of acceptance is that recipients permit publication and announcement of their acceptance of the award.
17. A recipient may elect to pay tuition and compulsory fees from the scholarship. Any balance will be paid in monthly instalments, by direct credit to a recipient's nominated New Zealand bank account.
18. In the event of a recipient's withdrawal from the specified course of study for which the scholarship is awarded, the scholarship will be withdrawn, and any paid funds may be recovered.
19. Continuation of the scholarship is conditional on continued satisfactory academic progress and adherence to the University's statutes and regulations.

History of the award: Funds for Tait Electronics Ltd Research Fellowships were provided from donations made in 2003 by Tait Electronics Limited for the purpose of encouraging research in Electrical and Electronic Engineering at the University of Canterbury. The Tait Communications Research Scholarship was established in 2014 to replace the Tait Electronics Ltd Research Fellowships following a change to the Tait company name.

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³ <http://www.canterbury.ac.nz/scholarships/>