

UC Computer Science High Achievers Award

Regulations

This scholarship recognises and supports high-achieving students at the University of Canterbury who are entering their first year of a Bachelor of Science degree programme and majoring in Computer Science.

1. Five scholarships, each with a value of \$2,000, are available annually. One of the scholarships is reserved for a Māori or Pasifika¹ student.
2. The scholarship is tenable for one year.
3. Applicants must be intending to enrol full-time in a Bachelor of Science degree programme at the University.
4. Applicants must declare their intention to major in Computer Science and to enrol in specified Year 1 Computer Science courses.² Recipients who gain direct entry into Year 2 of the degree programme will be exempt from enrolling in the specified courses. Applicants must have completed, or be completing, a university entrance qualification and have studied at secondary level in New Zealand in the year of application (or, in the case of a gap year,³ in the year immediately prior). International students who meet these requirements are eligible to apply.
5. The scholarship must be taken up in the year following the year of application.
6. Recipients must qualify for admission to the University, through achievement of University Entrance or an equivalent qualification, by at least one week before the first day of Semester 1 of the first year of tenure.
7. The scholarships is awarded by the Council of the University, on the recommendation of a selection committee comprising:
 - a. the Pro-Vice-Chancellor (Engineering) (or nominee); and
 - b. the Head of the Department of Computer Science and Software Engineering (or nominee).
8. In making its recommendation, the committee will consider:
 - a. academic achievement; and
 - b. demonstrated commitment to, or interest in, the intended degree programme.
9. Applications for the scholarships must be made online at the Scholarships website⁴ by 15 August.
10. If, in any year, there is no Māori or Pasifika applicant of sufficient merit, the scholarship reserved for such students will be made available to other applicants. If, in any year, there

¹ For the University's definition of *Pasifika student*, see <http://www.canterbury.ac.nz/future-students/fees-and-funding/scholarships-at-uc/glossary-of-terms/> .

² COSC 121 and COSC 122

³ For the University's definition of *gap year*, see <http://www.canterbury.ac.nz/future-students/fees-and-funding/scholarships-at-uc/glossary-of-terms/> .

⁴ <http://www.canterbury.ac.nz/scholarships/>

are fewer candidates of sufficient merit than there are scholarships available, fewer scholarships will be awarded.

11. Unless otherwise specified in the offer letter, an offer of a scholarship will lapse if it is not formally accepted within one calendar month of the date of the offer.
12. The scholarship is not co-tenable with any other University of Canterbury-funded awards, apart from the following:
 - a. Tuition fee scholarships
 - b. The UC Undergraduate Entrance Scholarship
 - c. The Go Canterbury Scholarship

The scholarship is co-tenable with awards that are not funded by the University.

13. The scholarship will be paid by direct credit to a recipient's nominated 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 1 course,⁵ and after confirmation of:
 - a. full-time enrolment in Bachelor of Science degree programme, majoring in Computer Science; and
 - b. enrolment in the specified courses (see clause 4) or in Year 2 of the degree programme.
14. A condition of acceptance is that recipients permit publication and announcement of their acceptance of the award and are willing to engage in University community activities, such as student mentoring, acting as University ambassadors, and being involved with University publicity as appropriate.
15. In the event of a recipient's withdrawal from the specified course of study for which the scholarship is awarded, during the term of the scholarship, the scholarship will be withdrawn, and any paid funds may be recovered.
16. Continuation of a scholarship is conditional on satisfactory academic progress and adherence to the University's statutes and regulations.

History of the Award: This scholarship was established by the Department of Computer Science and Software Engineering in 2012.

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⁵ See <http://www.canterbury.ac.nz/future-students/fees-and-funding/tuition-fee-refunds/>