

UC Engineering Top Scholars Award

Regulations

This scholarship recognises and supports top scholars entering their first year of the Bachelor of Engineering (Honours) (BE(Hons)) degree programme at the University of Canterbury.

1. Up to ten scholarships, each with a value of \$10,000 (\$5,000 per annum), are available annually.
2. The scholarship is tenable for up to two years, during a recipient's full-time enrolment in the first two years of a BE(Hons) degree programme at the University.
3. Applicants must have completed, or be completing, a university entrance qualification and must have studied at secondary level in New Zealand in the year of application (or, in the case of a gap year,¹ in the year immediately prior). International students who meet these requirements are eligible to apply.
4. The scholarships must be taken up in the year following the year of application.
5. 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
6. The scholarship is awarded by the Council of the University on the recommendation of a selection committee comprising:
 - a. the Pro-Vice-Chancellor, Engineering (or nominee);
 - b. the Dean of Engineering (or nominee); and
 - c. the Senior Academic Advisor, Engineering (or nominee).
7. In making its recommendation the committee will consider:
 - a. academic achievement, as indicated by quality of achievement at NCEA Levels 2 and 3, or in equivalent university entrance qualifications;
 - b. demonstrated commitment to, and interest in, Engineering;
 - c. cultural or sporting participation, or community service; and
 - d. general character.
8. Applications for the scholarship must be made online at the Scholarships website² by 15 August.
9. If, in any year, there are fewer candidates of sufficient merit than there are scholarships available, fewer awards will be made.
10. 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.

¹ 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/> .

² <http://www.canterbury.ac.nz/scholarships/>

11. 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.

12. The scholarship will be paid in four equal instalments by direct credit to a recipient's nominated New Zealand bank account. Payments will be made each semester after the final date on which a student may receive a full refund for withdrawal from a course,³ and after confirmation of the student's full-time enrolment in a BE(Hons) degree programme at the University.
13. A condition of acceptance is that recipients permit publication and announcement of their acceptance of the award, and that they are willing to engage in University community activities, such as student mentoring, acting as University ambassadors, and being involved with University publicity as appropriate.
14. In the event of a recipient's withdrawal from full-time study in a BE(Hons) degree programme at the University during the term of the scholarship, the scholarship will be withdrawn, and any paid funds may be recovered.
15. Continuation of a scholarship is conditional on satisfactory academic progress⁴ and adherence to the University's statutes and regulations.

History of the award: The scholarship was established in 2012 by the University of Canterbury College of Engineering to replace the UC College of Engineering BE(Hons) Top Scholars Awards.

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June 2012; June 2013, April 2014; April 2015; March 2016; March 2017

³ See <http://www.canterbury.ac.nz/future-students/fees-and-funding/tuition-fee-refunds/>

⁴ *Satisfactory academic progress* with regard to tenure of the scholarship for a second year is here defined as successful entry into the following year of the BE(Hons) degree programme and achievement of a minimum GPA of 6.00.