Orion Award for Excellence in Computer Science

**Code:** 193  
**Faculty:** Science, Engineering, Business School  
**Applicable study:** Final Year of Various Computer Science Degrees (see Reg. 3)  
**Closing date:** 15 October  
**Tenure:** 1 year  
**For:** Assistance  
**Number on offer:** 1  
**Offer rate:** Annually  
**Value:** Up to $2,500

**Scholarship description**

The Award was established in 1998 by Orion Health to encourage excellence in Information Technology and Computer Science.

**Selection process**

- Application is made to the Scholarships Office  
- A Selection Committee assesses the applications  
- Candidates will be required for an interview  
- The Award will be awarded by the University of Auckland Council on the recommendation of the Selection Committee.

**Regulations**

1. The Award will be known as the Orion Award for Excellence in Computer Science.  
2. One Award will be made each year, and valued at $2,500.  
3. The Award will be made to a student who is in his or her final year of a GradDipSci (Computer Science), PGDipSci (Computer Science), BSc (Hons), BTech (IT), BE(SE), BSc/Bcom or MSc Degree in Computer Science and who demonstrates the greatest potential to become an outstanding professional in the area of Information Technology and Computer Science.  
4. The Award will be made by the University of Auckland Council on the recommendation of a Selection Committee comprising the Head of the Department of Computer Science (or nominee); the Deputy Head of the Department of Computer Science (or nominee) and a representative from Orion Health.  
5. Selection will be based on the candidate’s previous academic results, technical ability, quality of any academic research, communication skills, team-working ability, and general contribution to University activities. Candidates will be required for an interview.  
6. The University of Auckland Council is not obliged to make an award if in any year there are no candidates of sufficient merit.
7. In consultation with Orion Health, the University of Auckland Council may from time to time vary the conditions of the Award so long as there is no departure from the main purpose of the Award.

8. Applications close with the Scholarships Office on 15 October in the year of the Award.