

David Hutchison Civil Engineering Financial Support Scholarship

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| Code: | 985 |
| Faculty: | Engineering |
| Applicable study: | Part II, III or IV of a BE(Hons) in Civil Engineering or Structural Engineering |
| Closing date: | 10 May 2023 |
| Tenure: | One year |
| For: | Assistance with study |
| Number on offer: | One |
| Offer rate: | Annually |
| Value: | Up to \$5,000 |

Description

The Scholarship was established in 2018 and is funded by Downer New Zealand in recognition of the illustrious career and close association with the Faculty of Engineering of Dr David Hutchison, a long-time employee of Downer New Zealand.

The main purpose of the Scholarship is to assist a talented student who has the potential to contribute to the Civil Engineering industry, but who is facing financial hardship. The Scholarship is intended to relieve financial pressures and allow the student to focus on their studies and achieve their potential.

Selection process

- Application is made to the Scholarships Office
- A Selection Committee assesses the applications
- Short-listed applicants may be required to attend an interview
- The Scholarship is awarded by the University of Auckland Council on the recommendation of the Selection Committee

Regulations

1. The Scholarship will be known as the David Hutchison Civil Engineering Financial Support Scholarship.
2. One Scholarship will be awarded annually, for a period of up to one year, and will be of the value of up to \$5,000. Payments to part time students will be pro-rated.
3. To take up and be paid the Scholarship, the candidate must be enrolled in Part II, III or IV of a Bachelor of Engineering (Honours) in Civil Engineering or Structural Engineering at the University of Auckland.
4. The Scholarship is tenable by students who are citizens or permanent residents of New Zealand.
5. The basis of selection will be academic achievement and demonstrated financial hardship. A grade point average (GPA) or grade point equivalent (GPE) of at least 5.00 (4.50 for Māori and Pacific candidates) is required for Scholarship consideration (see Notes I to II).

6. The Scholarship will be awarded by the University of Auckland Council upon the recommendation of a Selection Committee comprising the Head of the Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering (or nominee), a member of Academic Staff from the Faculty of Engineering nominated by the Head of the Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering, and a representative of the donor.
7. The Scholarship will be paid in one instalment upon award.
8. The Scholarship may be held with any other scholarship, award or grant as long as the regulations for that scholarship, award or grant permit, the University of Auckland Council is informed and approves and the total value of scholarships, awards or grants does not exceed \$10,000. It is the responsibility of the recipient to declare to the Scholarships Office all other scholarships, awards or grant funding received and for which the awardee receives payment while also in payment for this Scholarship.
9. The University of Auckland Council is not obliged to make an award if in any year there are no candidates of sufficient merit.
10. The University of Auckland Council, in consultation with the donor, has the power to amend or vary these regulations provided that there is no departure from the main purpose of the Scholarship.
11. Applications close with the Scholarships Office on 10 May in the year of the award.
12. Notes [I]-[VI] below are deemed to be Regulations.

Notes

- I. For the purpose of this scholarship, academic achievement for students enrolled in Part II is assessed as a Scholarships grade point average (GPA) or grade point equivalent (GPE) obtained over the applicant's first year of full-time graded study. For students enrolled in Part III or IV, academic achievement is assessed as a Scholarships GPA or GPE obtained over the applicant's most recent two years of full-time graded study.*
- II. Financial need will be determined by a range of factors including eligibility for a StudyLink Student Allowance, and personal and financial circumstances. Candidates need to demonstrate that they are experiencing financial hardship and that they are struggling to meet basic living costs. Incurred debt is not evidence of financial hardship.*
- III. For the purposes of this Scholarship, the recipient's grade point average (GPA) is based on all the courses they undertake in each semester of study.*
- IV. Payments under the terms of this Scholarship remain tax-free as long as they are used directly for the payment of costs associated with an awardee's programme of study and to assist the awardee with living costs while studying. Failure to comply with this regulation will result in the termination of the Scholarship.*
- V. Recipients of a David Hutchison Civil Engineering Financial Support Scholarship will be required to give undertakings that they will comply with the regulations for the Scholarship and will notify the Scholarships Office of any change in their enrolment or funding status. The University of Auckland may, in the event that it can be established that a recipient of a David Hutchison Civil Engineering Financial Support Scholarship is not complying with these regulations, terminate the Scholarship and require repayment of the funds received.*
- VI. The recipient of the Scholarship may have the opportunity to undertake employment with Downer.*