Potentia Undergraduate Scholarship in Computer Science

Code: 765
Faculty: Science
Applicable study: BSc or BAdvSci(Hons) in Computer Science (see Reg. 3)
Closing date: 6 November
Tenure: One year
For: Assistance
Number on offer: One
Offer rate: Annually
Value: Up to $5,000

Description

The Scholarship was established in 2013 and is funded by Potentia Ltd, an IT recruitment specialist company.

The main purpose of the Scholarship is to provide assistance to a Bachelor of Science or Bachelor of Advanced Science (Honours) student with a demonstrated interest in software development who will be enrolling in the final year of their undergraduate degree in Computer Science at the University of Auckland in the following academic year.

Selection process

- Application is made to the Scholarships Office
- A Selection Committee assesses potential candidates
- Short-listed candidates 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 Potentia Undergraduate Scholarship in Computer Science.
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.
3. The Scholarship may be offered to students currently enrolled full-time in Stage II of a Bachelor of Science (BSc) or BSc conjoint programme or Year Three of a Bachelor of Advanced Science (Honours) (BAdvSci(Hons)) or BAdvSci(Hons)) conjoint programme in Computer Science, in courses related to software development, for use in their studies in the following year.
4. The Scholarship is tenable by students who are citizens or permanent residents of New Zealand.
5. The basis of selection will be academic merit and a personal statement outlining the candidate's potential to contribute to software development in New Zealand. 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. Short-listed candidates may be required to attend an interview (see Note I).
6. The Scholarship will be awarded by the University of Auckland Council upon the recommendation of a Selection Committee comprising the Dean of the Faculty of Science (or nominee), the Head of the School of Computer Science

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(or nominee) and one representative of Potentia Ltd.

7. The Scholarship will be paid as a tuition fees credit, in two instalments: one in the first semester and one in the second semester (see Note II).

8. The Scholarship may be held concurrently with any other scholarship, award or grant as long as the regulations for that scholarship, award or grant permit and the University of Auckland Council is informed and approves. 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, in consultation with the Donor, has the power to terminate or suspend a Scholarship if it receives a report of unsatisfactory progress of a Scholar from the Head of the School of Computer Science.

10. The University of Auckland Council is not obliged to make an award if in any year there is no candidate of sufficient merit.

11. The University of Auckland Council has the power to amend or vary these Regulations, in consultation with the Donor, provided that there is no departure from the main purpose of the Scholarship.

12. Applications close with the Scholarships Office on 6 November in the year preceding the award.

13. Notes [I]-[VIII] below are deemed to be regulations.

Notes

I. *Academic merit is assessed as the Scholarships GPA/GPE obtained over the applicant's most recent two years of full-time graded study (or equivalent). Where an applicant has not completed two years of full-time study (or equivalent) at the time of application for the scholarship, the Scholarships GPA/GPE will be obtained over all study completed to date.*

II. *Tuition fees are only those related to the relevant programme of study, plus Student Services Fees.*

III. *As a condition of this Scholarship the recipient allows the Scholarships Office to release information of their academic progress to the Donor, at the end of the first semester of study and at the end of the academic year.*

IV. *The Scholarship will also include access to mentoring and networking opportunities through Potentia.*

V. *Recipients may be asked to speak about the Scholarship's benefit at an industry conference of the Donor's choosing (the cost of attendance will be covered by Potentia Ltd).*

VI. *Recipients of the Scholarship may be given the opportunity to undertake summer work experience with Potentia Ltd or one of their clients.*

VII. *Students holding this Scholarship may be required to participate in promotional activities for the Scholarship, including profiles on social media.*

VIII. *Recipients of a Potentia Undergraduate Scholarship in Computer Science 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 Potentia Undergraduate Scholarship in Computer Science is not complying with these regulations, terminate the Scholarship and require repayment of the funds received from the date of the breach.*

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