Potentia Undergraduate Scholarship in Computer Science

**Code:** 765  
**Faculty:** Science  
**Applicable study:** BSc student enrolled in Stage III Computer Science  
**Closing date:** 30 September  
**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 student with a demonstrated interest in software development who is studying Stage III courses in Computer Science at the University of Auckland.

**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, and will be of the value of up to $5,000 per annum.  
3. To take up and be paid the Scholarship the candidate must be enrolled and have paid the fees, or arranged to pay the fees, for full-time enrolment in a Bachelor of Science in Computer Science, and be undertaking Stage III courses related to software development, at the University of Auckland (see Notes I and III. Applicants must be currently undertaking, or have already completed, COMPSCI 230 (Software Construction).  
4. The Scholarships are tenable by students who are citizens and permanent residents of New Zealand.  
5. The basis of selection will be academic merit and potential to contribute to software development in New Zealand (see Notes II and III).  
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 Department of Computer Science (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 IV).  
8. The Scholarship may be held concurrently with any other award or grant as long as a) the terms of that award or
grant permit and b) the University of Auckland Council is informed and approves.

9. The University of Auckland Council, in consultation with the Donor, has the power to terminate or suspend a Scholarship if it receives an unsatisfactory report on the progress of a Scholar from the Head of the Department 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 30 September in the year preceding the award.

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

Notes

I. 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.

II. 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).

III. For the purpose of this Scholarship academic merit is defined as a GPA or GPE of at least 5.00, equivalent to a B average, over the applicant’s most recent two-years of full-time graded study (or equivalent).

IV. Tuition/Compulsory fees are those only related to the relevant programme of study, plus Student Services Fees.

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