Rakon Engineering Scholarship

**Code:** 594  
**Faculty:** Engineering  
**Applicable study:** BE(Hons) in Electrical and Electronics Engineering, Engineering Science, Mechanical Engineering or Mechatronics Engineering in Part III  
**Closing date:** 8 April  
**Tenure:** Up to two years  
**For:** Tuition Fees  
**Number on offer:** Up to two per year  
**Offer rate:** Annually  
**Value:** Up to $2,500 pa

**Description**

The Rakon Engineering Scholarship was established in 2009 to assist and encourage full-time students in engineering. The manufacturing industry offers a wide range of exciting career opportunities and this scholarship is designed to encourage students to explore these opportunities and to develop a relationship with Rakon Limited.

**Selection process**

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

**Regulations**

1. The Scholarship shall be known as the Rakon Engineering Scholarship.
2. The Scholarship will be awarded annually, for a period of up to two years, and will be for tuition fees up to a maximum of $2,500 per year.
3. The Scholarship will be awarded to a candidate who has paid the fees, or arranged to pay the fees, for full-time enrolment in a Bachelor of Engineering (Honours) degree in Electrical and Electronics Engineering, Engineering Science, Mechanical Engineering or Mechatronics Engineering.
4. The Rakon Engineering Scholarship is open to 3rd year Bachelor of Engineering (Honours) candidates for the potential duration of two years.
5. The Scholarship is tenable by students who are citizens or permanent residents of New Zealand.
6. Upon completion of each academic year, the academic status of a scholarship recipient who received funding in their third year of study will be reviewed by the Selection Committee and depending on satisfactory academic progress, a scholarship awarded to a 3rd year Bachelor of Engineering (Honours) candidate will continue into that recipient’s 4th year.
7. 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 Engineering (or nominee), an academic from the Faculty of Engineering chosen by the Dean of Engineering and a minimum of one representative from Rakon Limited.

8. In making a recommendation for this Scholarship, the Selection Committee will take into account the following criteria: academic achievement, technical ability, ability to demonstrate applied learning, professional leadership and communication qualities.

9. The Scholarship will be paid as a tuition fees credit in two instalments: one in the first, and one in the second semester.

10. The offer of the Scholarship must be accepted within the time specified in the offer letter. If the recipient declines the Scholarship or does not take it up within the specified time the offer will lapse and the Selection Committee may offer the Scholarship to another person.

11. The Scholarship may not be held concurrently with any other scholarship within any faculty of the University.

12. The University of Auckland Council, in consultation with Rakon Limited, is not obliged to make an award if in any year there is no candidate of sufficient merit.

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

14. Applications close with the Scholarships Office on 8 April in the year of the award.

15. Notes [I]-[IV] below are deemed to be regulations.

Notes

I. The Scholarship is offered on the basis that the recipient will complete their Bachelor of Engineering (Honours) degree at the University of Auckland.

II. Where the recipient is unable to complete the year in which they are in receipt of the scholarship due to illness, the Scholarship will remain in place for the following year assuming that the recipient can return to university during that year. If the recipient is unable to return to the course in the following year the scholarship will be passed to another candidate. However where the recipient otherwise fails to complete the year in which they are in receipt of the Scholarship, Rakon has the right to claim back the value of the Scholarship and would review this on a case by case basis.

III. Recipients of the Scholarship will be given the opportunity of summer work experience at Rakon Limited (between their 3rd and 4th year of study) within either production or in an engineering capacity. Rakon Limited will ensure that the summer vacation work complies with the practical work requirements of the Faculty of Engineering courses.

IV. The Scholarship is only paid for tuition fees related to the relevant programme of study.