RILEY Civil and Environmental Engineering Scholarship

Code: 439  
Faculty: Engineering  
Applicable study: Students who will be enrolled in Parts III and IV of a BE(Hons) degree in Civil Engineering in the following academic year (see Reg. 3)  
Closing date: 31 August  
Tenure: Up to two years  
For: Assistance with study  
Number on offer: Two  
Offer rate: Annually  
Value: Up to $5,000 pa

Description

The RILEY Civil and Environmental Engineering Scholarship has been established to assist third and fourth year undergraduate students interested in aspects of civil and environmental engineering in New Zealand.

RILEY is a successful and progressive multi-discipline engineering consultancy, providing specialist services in geotechnical, environmental, civil and water resource engineering. Established in 1984, RILEY is a 100% New Zealand owned and managed company which prides itself on its ability to develop innovative and cost-effective design solutions for difficult ground conditions. Areas of particular interest include the rehabilitation of unstable slopes, stabilization of large landslides, dam site investigation and forensic investigations services, plus site selection, investigation and design of dams and hydro-electric schemes.

Selection process

- Application is made to the Scholarships Office  
- A Selection Committee assesses the applications  
- 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 RILEY Civil and Environmental Engineering Scholarship.  
2. Up to two Scholarships will be awarded annually, for a period of up to two years, and will be of the value of up to $5,000 per annum each.  
3. The Scholarship may be offered to a student currently enrolled in Part II or Part III of a Bachelor of Engineering (Honours) degree in Civil Engineering for use in their Part III or Part IV studies in the following year.  
4. The Scholarship is open to students specialising in all Civil and Environmental disciplines, with the exception of structural and mechanical engineering.  
5. The Scholarship is tenable by students who are citizens or permanent residents of New Zealand.
6. Selection will be based on academic achievement, a demonstrated interest in relevant aspects of civil and environmental engineering, and potential to contribute to the industry. Short-listed candidates may be required to attend an interview. Candidates must have a grade point average (GPA) or grade point equivalent (GPE) of 5.00 (4.50 for Māori and Pacific candidates) to be eligible for consideration for the Scholarship (see Note I).

7. The Scholarship will be awarded by the University of Auckland Council on 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 Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering, and a representative of RILEY.

8. The Scholarship will be paid in an annual lump sum in the third week of Semester One. To be paid the second instalment, recipients must have achieved a grade point average (GPA) of at least 5.00 (equivalent to a B average) in the first year of the award.

9. The Scholarship may not be held with any other Engineering scholarship funded by a private company, but may be held 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.

10. The University of Auckland Council, in consultation with RILEY, 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 Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering.

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

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

13. Applications close with the Scholarships Office on 31 August, in the year preceding the award.

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

Notes

I. For the purpose of this Scholarship, academic achievement is assessed as a Scholarships GPA or GPE obtained over the candidate’s most recent two years of full-time graded study (or equivalent). Where a student is enrolled in their second year of study, the GPA/GPE will be obtained over all courses completed at the time of application.

II. Successful candidates may be invited to undertake one or two periods of summer work at RILEY (location to be agreed at the time of the award).

III. Students holding these Scholarships may be required to participate in promotional activities for the Scholarship, including profiles on social media.

IV. Payments under the terms of this Scholarship remain tax-free as long as they are used 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 RILEY Civil and Environmental Engineering 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 situation. The University of Auckland may, in the event that it can be established that a recipient of a RILEY Civil and Environmental Engineering Scholarship is not complying with these regulations, terminate the Scholarship and require repayment of the funds received from the date of the breach.