Background and Purpose
The healthAlliance Cyber Security Scholarship was established in 2017 to support academically talented students studying towards a Master of Cyber Security at the University of Waikato.

healthAlliance provides non-clinical services to the Northern Region District Health Boards (Northland DHB, Auckland DHB, Waitemata DHB and Counties Manukau Health), including: customer services, delivery of technology infrastructure, services and projects, finance, payroll processing, procurement and supply chain. Given the critical importance of security to their client DHBs health data, and their desire to grow the workforce in the area of cyber security, healthAlliance decided to establish a student scholarship.

The healthAlliance Cyber Security Scholarship will provide students studying in the Master of Cyber Security Programme with both financial support and industry experience through a research project at healthAlliance. The Scholarship will cover student tuition fees and a stipend.

Regulations
1. Eligibility
   1.1. To be eligible, applicants must:
       1.1.1. be accepted into, and enrol full-time in, the Master of Cyber Security (MCS) at the University of Waikato; and
       1.1.2. enrol in either COMP592 (60 points), COMP593 (90 points) or COMP594 (120 points); and
       1.1.3. be a New Zealand citizen or permanent resident.

2. Value
   2.1. The value of the Scholarship will be NZ$25,000 for students undertaking a 180-point MCS and NZ$20,000 for students undertaking a 120-point MCS.
   2.2. The Scholarship will be applied to tuition fees first and the balance will then be paid in monthly instalments of equal amount, subject to the recipient meeting the Scholarship continuation requirements (refer to clause 6.7).
   2.3. One Scholarship will be awarded annually.
3. Application

3.1. Applications for the Scholarship must be submitted on the prescribed online form by 1 October 2017.

3.2. Applicants must include with their application:

3.2.1. a Personal Statement (using the template provided on the online Scholarship application form); and

3.2.2. an academic reference commenting on the applicant’s ability to succeed in the MCS and their suitability for the Scholarship.

3.3. Applicants who have studied at a tertiary institution other than the University of Waikato must also supply a verified copy of their academic transcript.

4. Selection Criteria

4.1. The Scholarship will be offered primarily on the basis of academic merit, which will normally be calculated on the applicant’s four best papers (300 level or above). Greatest emphasis will be placed on those papers most relevant to the area of specialisation proposed for the MCS degree. Grades for industry placement papers will not be included.

4.2. The Selection Panel will also take into consideration the applicant’s demonstrated interest in the field of Cyber Security, innovative thinking and/or entrepreneurship ability (particularly through previous initiatives and project work), and career aspirations.

5. Selection Panel

5.1. The Selection Panel will comprise of two representatives from healthAlliance, an academic staff member in the field of Cyber Security (nominated by the Dean of the Faculty of Computing and Mathematical Sciences), and the FCMS representative to the Scholarships Committee (or their nominees).

5.2. The Selection Panel may refrain from making any recommendations if it finds no applicant of sufficient merit.

5.3. The Selection Panel’s decision is final and no correspondence will be entered into following the selection meeting.

6. Award and Retention

6.1. The offer of a Scholarship must be accepted by the date indicated in the offer letter or the offer will lapse.

6.2. The offer of a Scholarship will be conditional on the successful applicant enrolling full-time in the MCS, including either COMP592 (60 points), COMP593 (90 points) or COMP594 (120 points), in the year of tenure.

6.3. The Scholarship will only be confirmed once the successful applicant has accepted their enrolment agreement.

6.4. The Scholarship shall have a tenure of 18 months for students undertaking a 180-point MCS and 12 months for students undertaking a 120-point MCS.
6.5. The recipient must undertake an industry-based research project with healthAlliance.

6.6. Throughout the course of the research project, the recipient may have the opportunity to gain work experience with healthAlliance. This would be paid employment outside the scope of this Scholarship. The days and hours of any such employment will be discussed and mutually agreed by the student and healthAlliance and will not be at the expense of the student’s research and/or study.

6.7. The recipient must meet all reporting milestones of the research project and maintain overall satisfactory progress to remain on the Scholarship. The milestones will be established at the commencement of the project and progress reported through to healthAlliance, the MCS convenor and the School of Graduate Research.

6.8. The Scholarships Committee may terminate a Scholarship at any time, and recoup any funds awarded, if it is satisfied that the recipient is not following the approved programme of study or is not otherwise complying with the regulations governing the Scholarship and/or the University of Waikato. The holder of a Scholarship shall have the right to appeal against any decision to terminate the award.

7. Other Conditions

7.1. The Scholarship may be held together with any other bursary, prize or student allowance, unless the conditions of the other funding preclude this.

7.2. By accepting a Scholarship, the recipient agrees to participate in any reasonable publicity concerning the Scholarship arranged by healthAlliance and/or the University of Waikato. The recipient may be asked to attend a presentation ceremony.