The Sir William Gallagher Cyber Security Scholarship was established in 2015 to support academically talented students studying towards a Master of Cyber Security qualification at the University of Waikato.

Sir William Gallagher is a long-standing supporter of the University of Waikato and Hamilton-based Gallagher is one of the world’s leading technology innovators in physical security systems.

The Sir William Gallagher 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 Gallagher. The Scholarship will cover student tuition fees and a stipend.

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, permanent resident, or international student.
           1.1.3.1. International students must be intending to become permanent residents with the intent of working in New Zealand and may be required to obtain NZSIS security clearance.

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 domestic 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).

3. Application
   3.1. Applications for the Scholarship must be submitted on the prescribed online form by **16 July 2018**.
   3.2. Applicants must include with their application:
       3.2.1. a completed Personal Statement form (the template can be downloaded from 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 most recent 240 points of study (the equivalent 
of two years full-time study). Greater 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 two representatives from Gallagher, 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 
applicants of sufficient merit.

5.3. The Selection Panel’s decisions are 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 due date or the offer will lapse.

6.2. The offer of a Scholarship is 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 Gallagher.

6.6. Throughout the course of the research project, the recipient may have the opportunity to 
gain work experience with Gallagher. 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 Gallagher 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 
Gallagher, the MCS convenor and the School of Graduate Research.
6.8. The Scholarships Executive may terminate a Scholarship at any time, and recoup any funds disbursed, if the holder withdraws from the University of Waikato during the tenure of the Scholarship, brings the University or Gallagher into disrepute, or is otherwise not complying with the regulations governing the Scholarship. The holder of a Scholarship will have the right to appeal to the Research Committee 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 publicity concerning the Scholarship arranged by Gallagher and/or the University of Waikato. The recipient may be asked to attend a presentation ceremony.

7.3. The Scholarships Executive may, from time to time, vary these regulations.