BACKGROUND

The Smartrak Software Development Scholarship was established in 2010 by Smartrak Limited. Smartrak delivers premium geospatial based Business Intelligence (BI) services to private, utility, government and emergency service organisations throughout Australasia. Smartrak’s purpose is to “create a world where distance doesn’t matter”. Customers see where their assets are and what they are doing in real-time, in the office or on mobile devices.

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1. Purpose

1.1. The purpose of this award is to support high achieving academic students who are majoring in software development at the University of Waikato.

2. Eligibility

2.1. To be eligible for consideration for this Scholarship, applicants must be enrolled in their second to last year of study towards:
   a) a Bachelor of Engineering with Honours (BE(Hons)) majoring in Software Engineering; or
   b) a Bachelor of Computing and Mathematical Science (BCMS) with a focus on software development; or,
   c) a Bachelor of Science (Technology) (BSc(Tech)) majoring in Computer Science with an emphasis on software development.

2.2. The Scholarship is open to New Zealand citizens or permanent residents.

2.3. Applicants must have an A-grade point average. Average grade calculations will be based on the equivalent of the applicant’s last two years of full-time study.

3. Value

3.1. One scholarship will be available and shall have a value of $4,000.

3.2. The Scholarship will be paid in two instalments in the year following application, i.e., during the final year of the candidate’s qualification. The first instalment will be paid at the end of Semester A, and the second instalment paid at the end of Semester B.

4. Application

4.1. The closing date for applicants is 15 August 2017

4.2. Along with the prescribed application form, each applicant must submit:
   a) A one page cover letter which outlines their interest in software development and reason(s) for applying for the Scholarship; and,
   b) A CV of no more than two pages in length.
5. **Selection Panel**

5.1. The Selection Panel will comprise of the up to two representatives from Smartrak Limited, a representative from the Department of Computer Science at the University of Waikato (as nominated by the Dean) and a representative of the University’s Cooperative Education Unit.

5.2. Short-listed applicants may be required to attend an interview.

5.3. The Selection Panel may refrain from making a recommendation if it finds no candidate of sufficient merit.

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

6. **Awarding**

6.1. The offer of a Scholarships must be accepted by the date indicated in the letter of offer. If any candidate declines a Scholarship or does not take up the offer, the Selection Panel may offer the Scholarship to another candidate.

7. **Tenure**

7.1. A Scholarship must be taken up in the year for which it is offered.

7.2. The tenure of the Scholarships will be for one year.

8. **Other Conditions**

8.1. Smartrak will seek to offer the successful candidate a summer work placement, or part time work opportunity within the industry on a best endeavours basis. If Smartrak is able to offer the candidate a suitable work placement or similar within a timely manner, successful candidates will be expected to accept this offer. The placement or work will more than likely be based in the Waikato region and remuneration will be on top of and separate from the scholarship.

8.2. The Scholarship may be held with any other scholarship, bursary, or prize unless the regulations of the other award preclude this.

8.3. The University may from time to time vary these regulations in consultation with Smartrak Limited, provided there is no departure from the main purpose of the Scholarship.

8.4. 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 required programme or is not otherwise complying with the conditions governing the Scholarships and/or the regulations of the University of Waikato.

8.5. The holder of a Scholarship will have the right to appeal to the appropriate University Committee against any decision to terminate the Scholarship.

8.6. By accepting a Scholarship, the recipient agrees to participate in any publicity concerning the Scholarship arranged by the University of Waikato and Smartrak.