R E G U L A T I O N S

Purpose

As part of the University of Waikato’s commitment to postgraduate research, the Faculty of Science and Engineering are offering School of Engineering Postgraduate Study Scholarships for Masters and PhD study. The scholarships are to undertake specific research projects at the University of Waikato within the School of Engineering. A list of available research topics, supervisors and a description of each project is detailed in the online application form.

1. Eligibility
   1.1. Applicants must be intending to enrol for the first time at the University of Waikato in B semester 2016 in the School of Engineering in either:
       a) a Masters degree 90 or 120 point thesis, or,
       b) the first year of a PhD degree.
   1.2. The Scholarship is open to New Zealand citizens, permanent residents, and International students.
   1.3. The Scholarship are open to part- and full-time students.

2. Value
   2.1. The value$ of the scholarships will be:
       a) Masters level applicants: $5,000 per year for two years ;
       b) PhD level applicants: up to $5,000 per year for up to three years;

3. Application
   3.1. The closing date for applications is 18 July 2016.
   3.2. Along with the prescribed application form, each applicant must submit:
       a) a personal statement (no more than one A4 page) which clearly identifies how their previous study/interests align with or help them in the chosen research project;
       b) a CV (no more than two A4 pages); and,
       c) two references (one academic and one character).

Selection Criteria

3.3. The Scholarship will be offered on the basis of academic merit. It is expected that applicants will have a minimum grade point average of B+ in their previous 120 points of study$2$. The Panel will also take into consideration the applicant’s relevant background pertaining to the research project they are applying for.

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1 The value of the scholarship will be pro-rated for part-time students i.e. $2,500 per year for up to two years.
2 International applicants must have achieved at least a NZ B+ GPA equivalent from the degree that qualifies them for entry into a Masters degree programme at the University of Waikato.
4. **Selection Panel**

4.1. The Selection Panel will comprise of the Dean of School of Engineering (in Chair), the School of Engineering Graduate Convenor; and the Faculty's representative on the Scholarships Committee (or their nominee).

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

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

5. **Awarding**

5.1. The Scholarship is **conditional upon the recipient enrolling** in the appropriate Masters or PhD degree programme offered by the School of Engineering in **B Semester 2016**.

5.2. The Scholarship will be paid in equal instalments of $2,500 after the withdrawal date for each semester following confirmation of continued enrolment.

5.3. The offer of a Scholarship must be accepted by the date indicated in the letter of offer.

5.4. Any exception or variation to these arrangements must be approved by the Selection Panel.

6. **Other Conditions**

6.1. The Scholarship may be held with any other scholarship, bursary, prize or student allowance, unless the conditions of the other award preclude this.

6.2. The Scholarships Executive may terminate a Scholarship at any time and recoup any funds awarded if it is not satisfied that the recipient is following the required programme or is not otherwise complying with the conditions of the Scholarship and/or the regulations of the University of Waikato.

6.3. The recipient of a Scholarship shall have the right to appeal to the Research Committee against any decision to terminate a Scholarship.

6.4. By accepting a Scholarship, the recipient agrees to participate in any events or publicity concerning the award arranged by the University of Waikato.

6.5. International applicants must comply with the conditions of their Immigration New Zealand (INZ) Student Permit.