Design Fees Scholarship

Purpose
This Scholarship was established in 2009 by the Faculty of Computing and Mathematical Sciences for students enrolling in their first year of study towards an undergraduate degree, with a major in either Communication Design, Interface Design or Media Design, at the University of Waikato.

Regulations
1. Eligibility
   1.1. To be eligible, applicants must be enrolling full-time in the first year of study towards an undergraduate degree, with a major in either Communication Design, Interface Design or Media Design, within the Faculty of Computing and Mathematical Sciences.
   1.2. Applicants should normally be completing their secondary schooling in the year prior to taking up the Scholarship, or have attended a New Zealand secondary school two years prior to taking up the award (and have spent the previous year at a secondary school overseas or on a relevant experiential programme). Applicants not meeting these requirements will only be considered in exceptional circumstances.

2. Value
   2.1. The Scholarship will have a value of up to $5,000 and will be credited directly towards the tuition fees only of the successful applicant.
   2.2. In exceptional circumstances the Scholarship may be shared.

3. Application
   3.1. The closing date for applications is 13 October 2017.
   3.2. All applicants must submit a 10-piece portfolio along with their completed Scholarship application form. For information on the portfolio requirements, refer to the Appendix. All documents must be received by the Faculty of Computing and Mathematical Sciences by the closing date.

4. Selection Criteria
   4.1. The Selection Panel will take into consideration:
      4.1.1. the quality of the applicant's portfolio;
      4.1.2. their academic abilities; and
      4.1.3. any additional information supplied in the applicant's statement.
      The applicant's enthusiasm for their chosen programme of study and financial circumstances may also be taken into consideration.
5. **Selection Panel**

5.1. The Scholarship will be awarded by a Selection Panel comprising of the Chairperson of the Department of Computer Science (in the Chair), two computer graphic design lecturers from the Department and the Faculty’s Scholarships Committee Representative (or their nominees).

5.2. The Selection Panel may refrain from making a recommendation, or recommend that the Scholarship be re-advertised, if it finds no applicant of sufficient merit.

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

6. **Awarding**

6.1. The successful applicant will be offered the Scholarship on the condition that they:

   6.1.1. are approved for entry into an undergraduate degree, with a major in either Communication Design, Interface Design or Media Design, within the Faculty of Computing and Mathematical Sciences; and

   6.1.2. enrol full-time in an appropriate programme of study commencing in Semester A of the year of tenure.

6.2. The Scholarship should normally be taken up in the year of tenure. In exceptional circumstances, the Faculty of Computing and Mathematical Sciences may allow a recipient to defer their award for up to one year. *Students wishing to defer their award must apply in writing to the School of Graduate Research – Scholarships as soon as possible. Applications for deferment will be considered on a case by case basis.*

6.3. The Scholarship will have a maximum tenure of one year.

7. **Other Conditions**

7.1. The Scholarship may be held with any other bursary, scholarship or award, provided that the regulations of the other award do not preclude this.

7.2. The Scholarship will not be refundable to recipients who withdraw from their degree in the Faculty of Computing and Mathematical Sciences. It will be the responsibility of the recipient to pay the balance of their fees.

7.3. 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 recipient of a Scholarship shall have the right to appeal to the Education Committee against any decision to terminate the award.

7.4. By accepting a Scholarship, the recipient agrees to participate in any reasonable publicity concerning the Scholarship arranged by the University of Waikato.
Appendix

Portfolio submission

Applicants for the Design Fees Scholarship are required to submit a portfolio with their application. We are interested in seeing your creative ideas, originality, curiosity and imagination, and how you implement this within your creative visual work.

A portfolio containing 10 pieces of work is required. The 10 pieces should include finished pieces and pieces still under development. We would like to see work in progress or work developed during planning a project as well as finished work to help us understand your creative thinking process.

The items might include:

- Drawings
- Computer-generated images
- Sketches
- Photography
- Websites
- Animation
- Painting
- Sculpture
- Fashion
- Digital story-telling etc.

You can submit your portfolio as digital files on a USB stick or by email.

Please do not submit originals. Original pieces can be photographed and submitted as digital files by email, with individual works clearly labelled.

Each of the 10 pieces should be accompanied by a title for each piece and a short (100 word max.) description of the work and its purpose and process of production.

Please send your portfolio to:

Email: cms@waikato.ac.nz
or send mail to:
Receptionist,
The Faculty of Computing & Mathematical Sciences
The University of Waikato, Private Bag 3105, Hamilton 3240.