

Science & Engineering Masters Fees Awards



REGULATIONS

1. Purpose

- 1.1. The Science and Engineering Masters Fees Awards will be awarded annually to assist participants enrolling in their first year of an MSc(Research), MSc, MSc(Tech), ME or MEnvSci Programme in the Faculty of Science & Engineering at the University of Waikato in 2015.
- 1.2. One or more of these Awards may be named the “*Science and Engineering Masters Fees Award for Māori students*” and awarded exclusively to eligible students of Māori descent.

2. Eligibility

- 2.1. To be eligible, candidates must:
 - a) Be enrolling full-time in the first year of a MSc(Research), MSc, MSc(Tech) ME or MEnvSci programme in the Faculty of Engineering at the University of Waikato,
 - b) Part-time applicants may be considered but any scholarship awarded will be on a pro-rata basis and the Award can be received only once,
 - c) The start date for students enrolling in the MSc(Research), MSc or MSc(Tech) will be the beginning of the 2015 A or B semesters; ME students may commence on the first day of any month between Dec 2014 to August 2015.
- 2.2. Applicants for the Māori Award(s) must meet the above criteria (see 2.1) and be of Māori descent.

3. Value

- 3.1. A total of 15 Awards of up to \$2,000 may be awarded.
- 3.2. All Awards may be offered in the first round, however, if the Selection Panel does not offer all of the Awards then applications for the remaining funds will be called for at a date to be announced towards the middle of 2015.
- 3.3. The value of the Award is a contribution towards tuition fees of the MSc(Research), MSc, MSc(Tech), ME or MEnvSci degree.

4. Application

- 4.1. The closing date for applications is 13 March and **30 June**.
- 4.3. Applicants who have graduated from another university must supply a verified copy of their academic transcript.
- 4.4. Applicants for the Māori Award(s) must indicate their iwi/hapū in the appropriate section on the application form.

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5. Selection Criteria

- 5.1. The Awards will be offered on the basis of academic merit and will normally be based on the applicant's four best 300-level papers (80 points) in their relevant undergraduate degree. Greatest emphasis will be placed on those papers most relevant to the area of specialisation proposed for the MSc(Research), MSc, MSc(Tech), ME or MEnvSci degree. Grades for industry placement papers will not be included.
- 5.2. Preference may be given to applicants who are not already in receipt of other funding.
- 5.3. All applications, including those for the Māori Award(s), will be considered at the same selection meeting. Unsuccessful applicants for the Māori Award(s) will be considered for the general Science and Engineering Masters Fees Awards providing they meet the eligibility criteria (see 2.1).

6. Selection Panel

- 6.1. The Awards shall be decided by a Selection Panel on behalf of the University of Waikato Scholarships Committee. The Selection Panel will comprise the Faculty of Science & Engineering's Associate Dean (Postgraduate), the Associate Dean (Teaching & Learning) and the Associate Dean (Engineering), or their nominees.
- 6.2. The Selection Panel may refrain from making any recommendations if it finds no candidates of sufficient merit.
- 6.3. The Selection Panel's decisions are final and no correspondence will be entered into following the selection meeting.

7. Tenure

- 7.1. The Awards shall have a tenure of 12 months.

8. Other Conditions

- 8.1. The Awards will only be confirmed once the successful applicants have accepted their enrolment agreements.
- 8.2. The Awards may be held together with any other bursary, prize or student allowance, unless the conditions of the other award preclude this. **Furthermore, it is envisaged that recipients may qualify for additional targeted funding via the University or externally.** Applicants should advise the Scholarships Office of any additional awards/funding they receive during the tenure of the Scholarship.
- 8.3. The offer of an Award must be accepted by the date indicated in the letter of offer. If any candidate declines an Award, or does not take it up, the offer shall lapse.

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- 8.4. The Scholarships Committee may terminate an Award at any time if it is satisfied that the holder is not following the approved programme of study or is not otherwise complying with the conditions governing the Award or the University of Waikato. The holder of an Award shall have the right to appeal to the Research Committee against any decision to terminate the Award.
- 8.5. By accepting an Award, the recipient agrees to participate in any publicity concerning the Award arranged by the University of Waikato. The recipient may be asked to attend a presentation ceremony.