The Dr. Murray Pearson & Lightwire Undergraduate Scholarship in Computer Science was established in 2018 to encourage the vision and kiwi ingenuity that saw Dr. Murray Pearson create the wireless technology that started the journey that has become Lightwire. With Murray's departure from Lightwire the Scholarship enables Lightwire to acknowledge and commemorate their beginnings, by supporting the next generation of computer science graduates. The Scholarship is sponsored through the generous support of IT Partners Group, with one available each year for at least three years.

1. **Purpose**
   1.1. The Scholarship was established to support up-and-coming talent at University of Waikato who are studying towards an undergraduate degree in computer science.

2. **Eligibility**
   2.1. To be eligible, applicants must:
       a) be currently enrolled full-time in their second year of an undergraduate degree with Computer Science as a major at the University of Waikato; and
       b) not be eligible for fees-free; and
       c) have gained at least an A- average in their first year of study; and
       d) be a NZ citizen or Permanent Resident (i.e., be classed as a Domestic student).

3. **Value and Tenure**
   3.1. The Scholarship will have a value of $3,000 and will be paid towards the cost of tuition fees as soon as practicable after award.
   3.2. The Scholarship will have a tenure of one academic year.

4. **Application**
   4.1. Applications will close **31 March each year**.
   4.2. Applicants should submit the following along with their online application:
       - A Personal Statement (using the prescribed template), which addresses the following:
         - why the applicant believes they should be selected; and
         - why they have chosen their study/career path.

5. **Selection Criteria and Selection Panel**
   5.1. The Scholarship selection will be made by the Selection Panel comprising: The Chair of the Scholarships Committee (as chairperson) and the Scholarships Committee representative from the Faculty of Computing and Mathematical Sciences (or nominees), and one academic staff member nominated by the Dean of the Faculty of Computing and Mathematical Sciences.
5.2. The Selection Panel will pay particular attention to academic merit in their selection.
5.3. The Selection Panel may refrain from making a recommendation if it finds no candidate of sufficient merit.
5.4. All applicants will be advised in writing of the outcome of their application.
5.5. The Selection Panel’s decision will be final; no other correspondence will be entered into following the selection meeting.

6. Awarding
6.1. The offer of a Scholarship must be accepted by the date indicated in the letter of offer or the offer will lapse.

7. Other Conditions
7.1. The Scholarship may be held along with any bursary, prize, award or student allowance, unless the conditions of the other award(s) precludes this tenure.
7.2. The Scholarships Committee may terminate the Scholarship at any time, and recoup any funds disbursed, if the holder withdraws from the University of Waikato, brings the Scholarship, the University or the Sponsors into disrepute, or is otherwise not complying with the conditions governing the Scholarship and/or the regulations of the University of Waikato. The holder of a Scholarship shall have the right to appeal to the Scholarships Executive against any decision to terminate the Scholarship.
7.3. In signing and returning the scholarship acceptance form, the student will be deemed to have read, understood, and accepted the conditions for the Scholarship and retention of the scholarship.
7.4. By accepting the Scholarship, the recipient agrees to participate in any publicity concerning the Scholarship arranged by the University of Waikato or the Sponsor including being available for, and/or providing photos for use in press releases, social media or promotional use.

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1 See Student Code of Conduct.