The Torutek Software Engineering Scholarship was established in 2018 to provide a gateway from academia to industry for excellent students of University of Waikato. The Scholarship was made possible through generous financial support from Torutek Ltd, a premier technology start-up which recognises the importance of employing top talent. Hamilton City is home to a number of high-tech industries and organisations, and a stream of skilled graduates is needed to help the sector grow and flourish. One award will be offered annually starting in 2018.

1. Purpose
   1.1. The award was established to encourage and assist students into a career in software engineering by providing:
       a) a $4,000 award during undergraduate study; and
       b) an opportunity to undertake a paid summer internship with Torutek Ltd between the third and fourth years of study (exceptional applicants studying in other years may be considered).

2. Eligibility
   2.1. To be eligible, applicants must be:
       a) enrolled full-time in the Faculty of Science and Engineering or the Faculty of Computing and Mathematical Sciences; and
       b) studying toward a BE (Hons) in Software Engineering or BCMS in Computer Science.

3. Value
   3.1. The Scholarship will have a value of $4,000 which will be paid in two instalments; one on receiving the scholarship, and one after the withdrawal date for A Semester in the fourth and final year of undergraduate study; and
   3.2. The offer of a paid summer internship at Torutek Ltd during the summer recess between years three and four of the undergraduate degree.

4. Application
   4.1. The annual closing date for applications is 30 September.
   4.2. Applicants should submit the following along with their online application:
       • A CV of no more than two A4 pages;
       • A Personal Statement, which includes the following subheadings:
         • Future plans;
         • Interest in software engineering and a possible paid summer internship at Torutek. (500 word maximum); and
         • Any special circumstances relevant to the application.
5. Selection Criteria

5.1. Short-listed candidates will be invited to attend an interview as part of the selection process. The interview may be held at Torutek or on the University of Waikato Campus, and will be no longer than 1 hour in duration.

5.2. The Scholarship selection will be made by the Selection Panel comprising: Three representatives of Torutek Ltd nominated by the Torutek Senior Leadership Team, and the Chair of the University's Scholarships Committee (or nominee).

5.3. The Selection Panel will pay particular attention to academic merit, technical capability, and interview performance.

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

5.5. All applicants will be advised in writing of the outcome of their application.

5.6. The Selection Panel's decision will be final; no other correspondence will be entered into following the selection meeting.

5.7. Preference will be given to students in their third year of study.

6. Awarding

6.1. The offer of a Scholarship must be accepted by the date indicated in the letter of offer, which may include information regarding the internship for the forthcoming summer period.

6.2. The successful applicant may be contacted directly by Torutek Ltd in regards to the internship.

6.3. Unsuccessful Applications will be notified by the School of Graduate Research-Scholarships approximately one to two months after the applications close.

7. Tenure

7.1. The Award will have a maximum tenure of one year.

8. Other Conditions

8.1. Students may hold the award on one occasion only.

8.2. The award may be held along with any bursary, prize, or student allowance, unless the conditions of any other awards precludes this.

8.3. The Scholarships Committee may terminate a Scholarship at any time and recoup any funds disbursed if the holder withdraws from the University, brings the scholarship programme or the University or Torutek Ltd into disrepute¹, 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.

8.4. In signing and returning the Scholarship acceptance form, the student will be deemed to have read, understood, and accepted the conditions for the award and retention of the Scholarship.

8.5. By accepting an award, the recipient agrees to participate in any publicity concerning the award arranged by the University of Waikato or Torutek Ltd in consultation with the other.

¹ See Student Code of Conduct