



The CMS International Exchange Scholarship was established in 2014 by the School of Computing and Mathematical Sciences to encourage Computing and Mathematical Sciences students to participate in exchange programmes offered by the University of Waikato. The Scholarship is funded by the School of Computing and Mathematical Sciences and provides financial support to students for approved exchange programmes.

1. Purpose

- 1.1 This Scholarship enables CMS students to participate in exchange programmes offered by the University of Waikato.

2. Eligibility

- 2.1. To be eligible for consideration, candidates must:
 - 2.1.1. have completed at least one year of study in papers offered by the School of Computing and Mathematical Sciences;
 - 2.1.2. have applied for a University of Waikato exchange programme; and
 - 2.1.3. be a full-time student enrolled in the School of Computing and Mathematical Sciences in the year of tenure.

3. Value

- 3.1. The Scholarship will be paid directly to the recipient and is expected to be used towards costs associated with their exchange programme. The value of the Scholarship will be:
 - 3.1.1. **\$2,500** for students participating in exchange programmes in Europe;
 - 3.1.2. **\$2,000** for students participating in exchange programmes in the USA, Canada or Mexico; or
 - 3.1.3. **\$1,500** for students participating in exchange programmes in Asia.
- 3.2. A limited number of Scholarships are available each year and is dependent on total funding available.

4. Application

- 4.1. Applications will normally be received and considered twice annually – **15 January** (for exchanges in B Trimester), **and 15 July** (for exchanges in A Trimester of the following year) – for as long as scholarships are available.
- 4.2. Applicants will complete the Scholarship Application as part of their online Waikato OE application. As part of this application each applicant must complete and then upload a Personal Statement (1-3 pages) that includes the following subheadings:

- Overseas exchange/internship;
 - International Experience;
 - Future study and employment plans;
 - Community, sporting, and cultural involvement; and
 - Academic achievements.
- 4.3. The application must upload a brief CV (of no more than three pages in length).

5. Selection Panel and Selection Criteria

- 5.1. The Selection Panel will comprise the Division of Health, Engineering, Computing and Science Scholarships Committee Representative (as Chair), the Head of School, School of Computing and Mathematical Sciences (or nominee), a Chairperson or Convenor from the School of Computing and Mathematical Sciences (or nominee), and the School Manager, School of Computing and Mathematical Sciences (or nominee).
- 5.2. The Selection Panel may refrain from making a recommendation if it finds no candidate of sufficient merit.
- 5.3. The Selection Panel's decision is final and no further correspondence will be entered into following the selection meeting.
- 5.4. Scholarships will be awarded based on applicant's academic performance, their goals and aspirations, clarity of purpose underlying the desire to pursue a Waikato OE and in some cases financial hardship.
- 5.5. Preference will be given to applicants who have achieved a grade average of B+ or higher in their most recent two semesters of study.

6. Awarding

- 6.1. All applicants will be advised of the outcome of their application.
- 6.2. The successful applicant(s) will be advised of the offer of a Scholarship via their MyWaikato portal and must accept the offer by the prescribed date or the offer will lapse and the Selection Panel may reoffer the Scholarship to another applicant.
- 6.3. The payment of a Scholarship is conditional on the recipient being accepted into a University of Waikato exchange programme for the relevant semester.
- 6.4. The Scholarship must be taken up in the semester for which it is offered.
- 6.5. Any exception or variation to these arrangements must be approved by the Selection Panel.

7. Other Conditions

- 7.1. The Scholarship may be held with any other bursary, scholarship, or award, provided the regulations of the other award allow this.
- 7.2. If a recipient is in receipt of a student allowance, another scholarship, or any type of financial assistance, it is their responsibility to check their entitlement to other income and any tax implications.
- 7.3. If, during the tenure of the Scholarship, a recipient's circumstances change in such a manner that their continued eligibility for the Scholarship may be affected, they must inform the Scholarships Committee (via the Scholarships office) immediately.
- 7.4. The Scholarships Committee may terminate a Scholarship at any time, and recoup any funds disbursed, if the holder is not following the approved programme of study, withdraws from the University during the tenure of the Scholarship, brings the Scholarship or University into disrepute¹, or is not otherwise complying with the regulations governing the Scholarship and/or the University of Waikato. The recipient will have the right to appeal against any decision to terminate the Scholarship.
- 7.5. In accepting the Scholarship, the recipient will be deemed to have read, understood and accepted the conditions of the Scholarship, and the [Scholarships Policy](#).
- 7.6. By accepting a Scholarship, the recipient agrees to participate in any reasonable publicity concerning the Scholarship arranged by the University of Waikato.
- 7.7. The Scholarships Committee may, from time to time, vary these regulations.

¹ See [Student Code of Conduct](#).