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.

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 Division of Health, Engineering, Computing and Science at the University of Waikato; 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 equal cash instalments; one on receiving the scholarship, and one after the withdrawal date for A Trimester 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 **8 September 2021**.
   4.2. Applicants should submit the following along with their online application:
       a) A CV of no more than two A4 pages;
       b) 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 Panel, Process and Criteria

5.1. The Scholarship selection will be the Divisional Scholarships representative from Health, Engineering, Computing and Science (in Chair) and two representatives of Torutek Ltd nominated by the Torutek Senior Leadership Team.

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

5.3. The Selection Panel will pay particular attention to academic merit, technical capability, personal circumstances 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 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 and Tenure

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

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.

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

7. Other Conditions

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

7.2. The award may be held along with any bursary, prize, or scholarship/award, unless the conditions of any other funds precludes this.

7.3. In accepting the Scholarship, the recipient will be deemed to have read, understood, and accepted the conditions of the Scholarship and the Scholarships Policy.

7.4. The Scholarships Committee may terminate this Scholarship at any time, and recoup any funds disbursed, if the holder withdraws from the University of Waikato, brings the Scholarship, University or Sponsor 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.

7.5. 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.

7.6. The Scholarships Committee has the power to amend or vary these regulations provided that there is no departure from the main purpose of the Scholarship.

¹ See Code of Student Conduct