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 several 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. The selection process involves and interview.

1. Purpose
   1.1. The Scholarship was established to encourage and assist students into a career in software engineering.

2. Eligibility and Selection Criteria
   2.1. To be eligible, applicants must be:
       2.1.1. enrolled full-time (a full-time academic year comprises 120-points) in the Division of Health, Engineering, Computing and Science at the University of Waikato in one of the following undergraduate degrees:
           a) BE(Hons) in Software Engineering; OR
           b) BCMS in Computer Science
       2.1.2. In the year of application be currently enrolled in their third year of study and be intending to enrol in their fourth and final year of undergraduate study in the following year.
       2.1.3. Students currently in their second year of study and intending to enrol in the third year of study in the following year may also apply.
   2.2. Previous recipients of this Scholarship are not eligible to apply.
   2.3. Selection will be based on:
       2.3.1. Academic ability.
       2.3.2. Technical capability and personal circumstances.
       2.3.3. Alignment with interests and aspirations of Torutek.
       2.3.4. The quality of written responses and interview performance will be important in the final decision.
       2.3.5. Preference will be given to students currently in their third year of study.
   2.4. To ensure ongoing eligibility, recipients must:
       2.4.1. Remain enrolled full-time in the undergraduate degrees outlined in Clause 2.1.1 during the Scholarship Tenure.
3. **Value, Awarding and Tenure**

3.1. The Scholarship includes:

3.1.1. **$5,000** and will be paid in two equal cash instalments; $2,500 will be paid as practicable after acceptance of the Scholarship and $2,500 will be paid after the withdrawal date for A Trimester in the fourth and final year of undergraduate study.

3.1.2. offer of a paid summer internship at Torutek Ltd during the summer recess between years three and four of the undergraduate degree.

3.2. The successful applicant 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.

3.3. In accepting the Scholarship, the recipient:

3.3.1. will be deemed to have read, understood, and accepted the conditions of the Scholarship and the [Scholarships Policy](#).

3.3.2. agrees to participate in any publicity concerning the Scholarship arranged by the University of Waikato or Torutek Ltd.

3.4. The recipient will be contacted directly by Torutek Ltd about the internship.

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

4. **Application**

4.1. The closing date for applications is **15 October each year**.

4.2. As part of the online application process, each applicant must provide the following:

4.2.1. A personal statement that includes:

   a) Future career plans.

   b) Interest in software engineering and a possible paid summer internship at Torutek Ltd. (500-word maximum.

   c) Any special circumstances relevant to the application.

4.2.2. A CV of no more than two A4 pages.

5. **Selection Panel, Process and Criteria**

5.1. The selection panel will consist of the Scholarships Committee representative from the Division of Health, Engineering, Computing and Science (in the 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 may refrain from making a recommendation if it finds no candidate of sufficient merit.

5.4. The Selection Panel’s decision is final; no other correspondence will be entered into following the selection meeting.
6. **Other Conditions**

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

6.2. 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.

6.3. In accepting the Scholarship, the recipient will be deemed to have read, understood, and accepted the conditions of the Scholarship and the [Scholarships Policy](#).

6.4. 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 disrepute\(^1\), 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.

6.5. 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.

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\(^1\) See [Code of Student Conduct](#)