

The Sir William Gallagher Cyber Security Scholarship was established in 2015 to support academically talented students studying towards a Master of Cyber Security qualification at the



University of Waikato. [Sir William Gallagher](#) is a long-standing supporter of the University of Waikato and Hamilton-based Gallagher is one of the world's leading technology innovators in physical security systems. The Scholarship provides students studying in the Master of Cyber Security Programme with financial support and industry experience through a research project at Gallagher. One scholarship is offered each year until 2023.

## 1. Eligibility and Selection Criteria

### 1.1. To be eligible, applicants must:

- 1.1.1. be intending to enrol in the dissertation or thesis part of a Master of Cyber Security (MCS) at the University of Waikato by the end of A Trimester in the year following application; and
- 1.1.2. have achieved at least a B+ average in the most recent 120-points of study; the 120-points of study must have been undertaken at a New Zealand university.
  - a. Applicants will be ranked by GPA with emphasis placed on those with - papers most relevant to the area of specialisation proposed for the MCS degree.
  - b. Grades for industry placement papers will not be considered.
- 1.1.3. will have completed the majority (over 60%) of the required taught component of the MCS by the end of the year of application;
- 1.1.4. have strong interest in the field of cyber security, showing innovative thinking and/or entrepreneurship ability (particularly through previous initiatives and project work), and career aspirations in the field of cyber security.
- 1.1.5. be a New Zealand citizen, permanent resident, or international student.

### 1.2. To maintain eligibility recipients will need to:

- 1.2.1. confirm with their supervisor and Gallagher that the MCS research is industry-based and of relevance to Gallagher
  - 1.2.2. enrol in the dissertation or thesis part of the MCS before the end of A Trimester in the year following application; and
- 1.3. Throughout the course of the Scholarship tenure, the recipient may have the opportunity to gain work experience with Gallagher. Any work-experience will be paid employment outside the scope of this Scholarship. The days and hours of any such

employment will be discussed and mutually agreed by the student and Gallagher and will not be at the expense of the student's research and/or study.

## 2. Value, Awarding and Tenure

2.1. The Scholarship will have a value of **\$20,000**

2.2. The recipient will receive the Scholarship as follows:

2.2.1. **\$7,000** will be applied directly to the tuition fees for the MCS and all Student Services Levies (SSL) during the tenure of the scholarship. Payment of tuition fees and SSL will be actioned at the time of the recipient's confirmed enrollment in the dissertation or thesis part of the MCS. Any remaining funds from the \$7,000 that is not used for tuition fees or SSL will be forfeited; and

2.2.2. **\$13,000** will be paid directly into the recipient's bank account in equal monthly instalments of \$1,000 with the final instalment of \$2,000 paid on submission of the thesis or dissertation. Ongoing monthly payments are conditional on the recipient meeting all reporting milestones of the research project that will be established at the commencement of the project in conjunction with their supervisor and reported through to Gallagher and the School of Graduate Research.

2.3. The offer of a Scholarship must be accepted by the due date or the offer will lapse. The offer is conditional on the successful applicant maintaining all eligibility requirements outlined in Clause 1.2.

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

2.5. The Scholarship will have a tenure of up to 12 months, beginning before the end of A Trimester in the year after application and from the enrolment start date of the dissertation or thesis part of the MCS.

## 3. Application

3.1. The closing date for online applications is **7 September 2021**.

3.2. As part of the online application process, each applicant must submit:

- 3.2.1. a personal statement (using the prescribed template) that outlines the following:
- the reason/s and area of research that interests you the most in the field of cyber security;
  - A potential research topic and its relevance to Gallagher;

- examples of the ways in which you have demonstrated innovative thinking and/or entrepreneurship ability; and
- your career aspirations

3.2.2. a copy of their academic transcript from any university, other than the University of Waikato, that they have attended (if applicable).

3.3. Applicants must also request submission of an academic reference commenting on their ability to succeed in the MCS and their suitability for the Scholarship.

#### **4. Selection Panel**

4.1. The Selection Panel will comprise one or two representatives from Gallagher, an academic staff member in the field of Cyber Security (nominated by the Chair of the Scholarships Committee), and the divisional representative on the Scholarships Committee (in the Chair).

4.2. The Selection Panel may refrain from making any recommendations if it finds no applicant of sufficient merit.

4.3. The Selection Panel's decisions are final and no correspondence will be entered into following the selection meeting.

#### **5. Other Conditions**

5.1. The Scholarship may be held together with any other scholarship or award, unless the conditions of the other funding preclude this.

5.2. The Scholarships Committee may terminate this Scholarship at any time, and recoup any funds disbursed, if the holder withdraws from the University of Waikato during the tenure of the Scholarship, brings the Scholarship, University and/or Gallagher into disrepute<sup>1</sup>, or is otherwise not complying with the regulations governing the Scholarship. The holder of a Scholarship will have the right to appeal to the Scholarships Executive against any decision to terminate the award

5.3. By accepting a Scholarship, the recipient agrees to participate in any reasonable publicity concerning the Scholarship arranged by Gallagher and/or the University of Waikato. The recipient may be asked to attend a presentation ceremony.

5.4. 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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<sup>1</sup> See [Code of Student Conduct](#).