

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 both financial support and industry experience through a research project at Gallagher.

1. Eligibility

- 1.1. To be eligible, applicants must:
- 1.2. be accepted into, and enrol full-time in, the Master of Cyber Security (MCS) at the University of Waikato by the start of A Trimester, in the year following application; and
 - 1.2.1. enrol in either COMPX592 (60 points), COMPX593 (90 points) or COMPX594 (120 points); and
 - 1.2.2. be a New Zealand citizen, permanent resident, or international student.
 - 1.2.2.1. International students must have completed at least 120 points of study at a New Zealand university in order to be eligible for this Scholarship.

2. Value

- 2.1. The value of the Scholarship will be \$20,000.
- 2.2. The recipient will receive the Scholarship as follows:
 - 2.2.1. \$7,000 will be credited directly to the recipient's MCS tuition fees once enrolment in their dissertation or thesis paper has been confirmed; and
 - 2.2.2. the remainder of the Scholarship will then be paid directly into the recipient's bank account in equal monthly instalments, subject to the recipient meeting the Scholarship continuation requirements (refer to clause 6.6).

3. Application

- 3.1. The closing date for online applications is **5 August - extended**.
- 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
 - 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 Criteria

- 4.1. The Scholarship will be offered primarily on the basis of academic merit, which will be calculated on the applicant's most recent 240-points of study (the equivalent of two years full-time study). Greater emphasis may be placed on those papers most relevant to the area of specialisation proposed for the MCS degree. Grades for industry placement papers will not be considered.
- 4.2. The Selection Panel will also take into consideration the applicant's demonstrated interest in the field of cyber security, innovative thinking and/or entrepreneurship ability (particularly through previous initiatives and project work), and career aspirations.

5. Selection Panel

- 5.1. The Selection Panel will comprise up to two representatives from Gallagher, an academic staff member in the field of Cyber Security (nominated by the Chair of the Scholarships Committee), and the relevant academic representative on the Scholarships Committee (in the Chair).
- 5.2. The Selection Panel may refrain from making any recommendations if it finds no applicant of sufficient merit.
- 5.3. The Selection Panel's decisions are final and no correspondence will be entered into following the selection meeting.

6. Award and Retention

- 6.1. The offer of a Scholarship must be accepted by the due date or the offer will lapse.
- 6.2. In accepting the Scholarship, the recipient will be deemed to have read, understood, and accepted the conditions of the Scholarship and the [Scholarships Policy](#).
- 6.3. The offer of a Scholarship is conditional on the successful applicant enrolling full-time in both the MCS and either COMPX592, COMPX593 or COMPX594 by the start of A Trimester, in the year following application.
 - 6.3.1. The Scholarship will only be confirmed once the successful applicant has accepted their enrolment agreement.
- 6.4. The Scholarship will have a tenure of up to 12 months. Tenure of the Scholarship will commence from the enrolment start date of the dissertation or thesis paper.
- 6.5. The recipient must undertake an industry-based research project with Gallagher.
- 6.6. Throughout the course of the research project, the recipient may have the opportunity to gain work experience with Gallagher. This would 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.
- 6.7. The recipient must meet all reporting milestones of the research project and maintain overall satisfactory progress to remain on the Scholarship. The milestones will be established at the

commencement of the project and progress reported through to Gallagher and the School of Graduate Research.

- 6.8. 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 disrepute¹, 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.

7. Other Conditions

- 7.1. The Scholarship may be held together with any other scholarship or award, unless the conditions of the other funding preclude this.
- 7.2. 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.
- 7.3. 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](#).