

Endace Women in Technology Scholarship - 2023



THE UNIVERSITY OF
WAIKATO
Te Whare Wānanga o Waikato

The Endace Women in Technology Scholarship was established in 2022 to support women studying towards a Bachelor of Computer Science, Bachelor of Engineering (Hons) (Software Engineering) or a Bachelor of Science (Computer Science) at the University of Waikato. Endace was spun out of research conducted at the University of Waikato in the early 2000s around packet capture, the practice of capturing and analysing network data. Endace now works with world-leading organisations such as telcos and mobile carriers, banks and financial traders, global media companies, healthcare organisations and governments and military, to help manage their critical data networks. Two scholarships will be awarded each year. The selection process involves an interview.



1. Purpose

- 1.1. The Scholarships provide financial support and work experience opportunities for promising undergraduate female students studying full-time towards a Bachelor of Computer Science, Bachelor of Engineering (Hons) (Software Engineering) or a Bachelor of Science (Computer Science) at the University of Waikato and who are intending to pursue a career in the New Zealand technology industry.

2. Eligibility and Selection Criteria

2.1. To be eligible, applicants must:

- 2.1.1 identify as female in the personal details listed in the applicant's MyWaikato Portal;
- 2.1.2 have applied to enrol full-time in the year of application (a full-time academic year comprises 120-points) in either of the following:
 - a) BCompSc;
 - b) BE(Hons) in Software Engineering; or
 - c) BSc in Computer Science
- 2.1.3 have made, or show strong potential to make an impact on women in technology;
- 2.1.4 be intending to pursue a career in the New Zealand technology industry;
- 2.1.5 be willing to be part of a University-led visit to their secondary school, or another secondary school in the region, to highlight the importance of university study; and
- 2.1.6 be a New Zealand citizen or permanent resident.

2.2 Selection will be based on:

- 2.2.1 Academic excellence:
 - i. **Applicants in first-year** must have achieved NCEA Level 3 with at least Merit (or the equivalent¹);
 - ii. **Applicants at second-year or above** must have achieved a minimum GPA of B+ in previous 120-points of study or equivalent.
- 2.2.2 Applicants reasoning and ability to articulate why they have chosen to study on of the eligible degrees outlined in clause 2.1.2 above and how they intend to make an impact on women in technology industry.

2.3 To maintain eligibility recipients must:

- 2.3.1 remain enrolled full-time (120-points) in the appropriate programme of study outlined in clause 2.1.2 during the year of tenure; and
- 2.3.2 maintain at least a B+ GPA over the first trimester of study.

¹ through examinations such as the Cambridge International Examinations (CIE), the International Baccalaureate (IB) examination, or the Australian Secondary School examinations

3. Value, Tenure and Awarding

- 3.1. Two scholarships will be awarded each year and each Scholarship will have a value of \$10,000.
- a) **one Scholarship will be awarded to a student who is studying towards the final-year** of a BCompSc, BCompSc(Hons) or BE(Hons)(Software Engineering) in the year of tenure. \$7,500 will be paid directly towards the recipient's tuition fees (not including the Student Services Fee) and \$2,500 will be paid in cash directly to the recipient after the withdrawal date for A Trimester.
 - b) **one Scholarship will be awarded to a student who is studying towards the first-year or above** of a BCompSc, BCompSc(Hons) or BE(Hons)(Software Engineering) in the year of tenure.
 - i. If the successful recipient is a first-year student, the scholarship will normally be paid directly towards accommodation fees in the Halls of Residence after the withdrawal date of A Trimester. If the successful recipient does not require accommodation in the Halls of Residence, they may submit an official [Variation Request](#) to ask for their scholarship to be paid in two equal cash instalments after the withdrawal date of A and B Trimester.
 - ii. If the successful recipient is second-year or above \$7,500 will be paid directly towards the recipient's tuition fees (not including the Student Services Fee) and \$2,500 will be paid in cash directly to the recipient after the withdrawal date for A Trimester.
- 3.2. There will be potential for a work placement (subject to availability), which will be paid directly by Endace Technology Ltd.
- 3.3. The Scholarship will have a maximum tenure of one year.
- 3.4. Successful applicants 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 scholarship offered to the next reserve applicant.
- 3.5. In accepting the Scholarship, the recipient will be deemed to have read, understood, and accepted the conditions of the Scholarship and the [Scholarships Policy](#).

4. Application

- 4.1. The closing date for online applications is **15 February each year**.
- 4.2. As part of the online application process, each applicant must submit:
- 4.2.1 A personal statement (using the prescribed template) that sets out the following:
 - a) Why completing a degree is important to the candidate and their future ambitions;
 - b) Any impact, or intention to make an impact, on women in the technology industry;
 - c) Intention to work in the NZ technology industry upon graduation.
 - 4.2.2 A brief CV (no more than two A4 pages in length) that includes work experience to date.
- 4.3. Each candidate must also request the submission of two references from two different people:
- a) An Academic reference;
 - b) A character reference who may not be an immediate member of the applicant's family.
- 4.4. The Selection Panel will short-list and select applicants to attend an interview of no more than 20 minutes in length.

5. Selection Panel

- 5.1. The Selection Panel will comprise of the UoW Scholarships Committee representative from the Division of Health, Engineering, Computing and Science (in the Chair), an academic from the School of Computer Science with a background in Computer Science (nominated by Head of School), the Chief Technology Officer, Vice-President People and the relevant Senior Engineering Manager from Endace (nominated by the Chief Executive Officer).
- 5.2. The Selection Panel may refrain from making a recommendation if it finds no applicant of sufficient merit.
- 5.3. The Selection Panel's decision is final and no correspondence will be entered into following the selection meeting.

6. Other Conditions

- 6.1. The Scholarship may be held together with any other scholarship, award, or prize, unless the conditions of the other award preclude this. If a recipient holds another tuition fees scholarship then this Scholarship will be paid to the student in two equal cash instalments;
 - a) Payment one (\$5,000) will be paid directly to the recipient after the withdrawal date of A Trimester and on confirmation that the student is enrolled in the appropriate programme;
 - b) Payment two (\$5,000) will be paid directly to the recipient after the withdrawal date of B Trimester and confirmation that the student has passed on papers in the previous trimester.
- 6.2. Previous recipients of the scholarship (i.e. those who held the award in previous years) may apply again.
- 6.3. Recipients must remain enrolled full-time for the period of tenure, should a recipient withdraw from any papers, without adding sufficient papers to maintain an overall enrolment in a minimum of 120-points for the academic year, the University may ask for the Scholarship to be repaid.
- 6.4. Recipients should seek independent financial advice about any tax implications of their Scholarship.
- 6.5. 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 disrepute², 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.
- 6.6. The Scholarships Committee in agreement with the Sponsor has the power to amend or vary these regulations provided that there is no departure from the main purpose of the Scholarship.
- 6.7. By accepting the Scholarship, the recipient agrees to participate in any publicity concerning the Scholarship arranged by the University of Waikato and/or the Donor.

² See [Code of Student Conduct](#)