



The Auckland ICT Graduate School (at University of Waikato) PGCertInfoTech Award for Māori and Pacific Students was established in 2019 to encourage and support Māori and Pacific students to complete a one semester Postgraduate Certificate in Information Technology (PGCertInfoTech). The Award is funded by the Auckland ICT Graduate School, which is a partnership between the University of Waikato and the University of Auckland. Up to two awards are offered each year, one for each of the Trimesters in which the PGCertInfoTech is taught.

The PGCertInfoTech is designed for graduates who have a Bachelor's degree in a non-ICT area. It aims to equip students with up-to-date-knowledge of modern ICT practice to complement the skills they have already developed. Successful completion of the PGCertInfoTech, with a high enough GPA, gives admittance to the Master of Information Technology.

1. Purpose

- 1.1. The Award provides a pathway for Māori and Pacific students with a bachelor's degree in a non-ICT area to higher study in the PGCertInfoTech.

2. Eligibility

- 2.1. To be eligible, candidates must:
 - a) be intending to enrol full-time in a PGCertInfoTech at the University of Waikato commencing C Trimester 2020¹;
 - b) have completed, or be in the final semester of completing, a Bachelor's degree in a non-ICT subject;
 - c) have a minimum grade point average (GPA) of 4.00 (corresponding to a B- grade) in 75 points at 300 level or above²; and
 - d) be a New Zealand citizen or permanent resident of Māori and/or Pacific ethnicity.

3. Value and Tenure

- 3.1. The value of the Award will be **\$5,000** and will be paid directly to the recipient's tuition fees (including student services levy) for the two full-time papers for the PGCertInfoTech³ with the remainder paid directly to the recipient in two equal instalments.
 - a) The first instalment will be paid after the withdrawal deadline for the relevant trimester, provided the student is enrolled in a full-time programme of study on that date.
 - b) The second instalment will be paid six weeks later provided the student continues to be enrolled full-time.
- 3.2. The Award will have a maximum tenure of one year.

¹ C Trimester 2020 commences 16 November 2020

² Students currently completing a degree will be assessed on their results to date, but any offer of a scholarship would be conditional on meeting this requirement.

³ COMPX568: Programming for Industry and COMPX569: Programming with Web Technologies.

4. Application

- 4.1. The closing dates for applications is **15 October 2020** for C Trimester start.
- 4.2. Along with the prescribe online application form, applicants must submit:
 - a) a personal statement (using the prescribed template) that outlines the applicant's study and career plans, and why they are applying for the Award; and
 - b) a CV (no more than four A4 pages in length).

5. Selection Panel and Selection Criteria

- 5.1. The Selection Panel will comprise the Scholarships Committee Representative from the Division of Health, Engineering, Computing and Science (in the Chair), the Academic Head of the Auckland ICT Graduate School at the University of Waikato; a Māori or Pacific academic with background in computer science (nominated by the Academic Head of the Auckland ICT Graduate School), and the Convener of the PGCertInfoTech.
- 5.2. The decisions will be based on academic merit and how the programme of study will benefit the applicants' study and career plans as well as their respective Māori and/or Pacific communities.
- 5.3. The Selection Panel may choose not to offer an Award if there are no suitable meritorious applicants.
- 5.4. The Selection Panel's decisions are final and no correspondence will be entered into following the selection meeting.

6. Awarding

- 6.1. The offer of an Award must be accepted by the date indicated on the offer or the offer will lapse. If a candidate declines an Award, or does not take it up, the Selection Panel may re-offer it to another candidate.

7. Other Conditions

- 7.1. The Award may be held with any other scholarship, award or prize, unless the conditions of the other award preclude this.
- 7.2. The Scholarships Committee may terminate an Award at any time, and recoup any funds disbursed, if the holder withdraws from the University of Waikato during the tenure of the Award, brings the University or Sponsor into disrepute⁴, or is otherwise not complying with the regulations governing the Award. The holder of an Award will have the right to appeal to the Scholarships Executive against any decision to terminate the award.
- 7.3. By accepting an Award, the recipient agrees to participate in any publicity concerning the Award arranged by the University of Waikato or Sponsor.
- 7.4. The Scholarships Committee may, from time to time, vary these regulations.

⁴ See [Code of Student Conduct](#).