Electricity Engineers' and NZCCCP Association Scholarship – 2026

The Electricity Engineers' and NZCCP Association Scholarship was established in 2026 to support students at the University of Waikato who are undertaking study related to Internet of Things (IoT) and communication systems that may support a future career in the electricity industry.

The Scholarship is funded by the Electricity Engineers Association and funds are held in trust by the University of Waikato Foundation, and one award will be offered annually until the funds are depleted.

1. Purpose

1.1 To support students whose study has potential to contribute to the advancement of communication systems and technologies that have the potential to support the operation, monitoring, protection, and smart control of electrical power systems.

2. Eligibility and Selection Criteria

2.1. **To be eligible for consideration**, applicants must:

2.1.1. be enrolled full-time (120-points) at any level in one of the following programmes at the University of Waikato and where their programme of study includes papers relating to IoT, communication systems, or smart energy technologies:

a) BE (Hons) majoring in Electrical and Electronic Engineering;

b) BE (Hons) majoring in Software Engineering;

c) BAppComp majoring in Computer Science; or

d) BSc majoring in Computer Science.

2.1.2. be eligible for domestic fees status (i.e., be a NZ Citizen, NZ Permanent Resident, NZ Resident Class Visa holder).

2.2. Past recipients who still meet the eligibility criteria may reapply in subsequent years.

2.3. **Selection is based on the applicants:**

2.3.1. academic merit.

2.3.2. demonstrated interest in, and potential contribution to, the development in New Zealand of the engineering aspects of electricity generation or production, power systems, or electricity utilisation.

2.3.3. character, personal qualities, and communication skills.

2.3.4. strong leadership qualities and/or potential.

3. Value, Tenure and Awarding

3.1. The Scholarship will have a value of **$5,000** and will be paid in one lump sum as soon as practicable after acceptance of the offer.

3.2. The Scholarship will have a tenure of one year.

3.3. 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.

4. Application

4.1. The closing date for applications is **9 August 2026.**

4.1.1. From 2027 onwards, the closing date will be 15 July annually.

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

4.2.1. A personal statement that outlines:

a) interest in the data or communication systems aspects of the electricity industry.

b) relevance of programme of study to this Scholarship

c) future study and/or employment plans.

d) community involvement.

5. Selection Panel

5.1. The selection panel will comprise the Scholarships Committee representative from the Division of STEM (in the Chair), one academic staff member from Te Kura Mata-Ao School of Engineering nominated by the Dean of Engineering, and at least one representative from the Electricity Engineers Association.

5.2. If required, the Selection Panel may choose to interview a shortlist of candidates. If so, these will be conducted online.

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, and no correspondence will be entered into.

6. Other Conditions

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

6.2. The offer of a Scholarship must be accepted by the date indicated in the offer or the offer will lapse.

6.3. 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.

6.4. Recipients must remain enrolled full-time for the period of tenure. Should a recipient no longer meet the eligibility criteria outlined in clause 1.1., the University, on behalf of the Electricity Engineers Association, may ask for the Scholarship to be repaid.

6.5. The University may terminate a Scholarship at any time if the holder withdraws from the University, brings the scholarship programme or the University or Trust into disrepute[1] or is otherwise not complying with the conditions governing the Scholarship and/or the regulations of the University of Waikato.

6.6. In accepting the Scholarship, the recipient will be deemed to have:

6.6.1. read, understood, and accepted the conditions of the Scholarship and the Scholarships Policy.

6.6.2. agreed to participate in any publicity concerning the Scholarship arranged by either the Electricity Engineers Association or the University of Waikato.

6.7. The University of Waikato and the Donor have 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