

The Torutek Software Engineering Scholarship was established in 2018 to provide a gateway from academia to industry for excellent students of the University of Waikato. The Scholarship was made possible through generous financial support from [Torutek Ltd](#), a premier technology start-up which recognises the importance of employing top talent. Hamilton City is home to several high-tech industries and organisations, and a stream of skilled graduates is needed to help the sector grow and flourish. One award will be offered annually, and includes an internship paid directly to the recipient by Torutek Ltd. The selection process involves an interview.

1. Purpose

1.1. The Scholarship was established to encourage and assist students into a career in software engineering.

2. Eligibility and Selection Criteria

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

2.1.1. Be enrolled full-time (a full-time academic year comprises 120-points) in the Division of Health, Engineering, Computing and Science at the University of Waikato in one of the following undergraduate degrees:

- a) BE(Hons) in Software Engineering; **OR**
- b) BCMS in Computer Science

2.1.2. In the year of application be currently enrolled in their third year of study and be intending to enrol in their fourth and final year of undergraduate study in the following year. Students currently in their second year of study and intending to enrol in the third year of study in the following year may also apply.

2.2. Previous recipients of this Scholarship **are not eligible** to apply.

2.3. **Selection is primarily based on:**

2.3.1. Academic ability.

2.3.2. Technical capability and personal circumstances.

2.3.3. Alignment with interests and aspirations of Torutek.

2.3.4. The quality of written responses and interview performance

2.3.5. Preference will be given to students:

- a. currently in their third year of study; and
- b. available from December to February for the internship opportunity.

2.4. **To maintain eligibility**, recipients must:

- 2.4.1. Remain enrolled full-time for A and B trimester in the undergraduate degrees outlined in Clause 2.1.1 during the Scholarship tenure.

3. **Value, Awarding and Tenure**

3.1. The Scholarship includes:

- 3.1.1. **\$5,000** paid in two equal instalments directly to the recipient:
 - a. \$2,500 as practicable after acceptance of the Scholarship in the year of award.
 - b. \$2,500 after the withdrawal date for A Trimester in the year following award.
- 3.1.2. The offer of a paid summer internship at Torutek Ltd during the summer recess between years three and four (or two and three, as appropriate) of the undergraduate degree.

3.2. 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.

3.3. In accepting the Scholarship, the recipient will:

- 3.3.1. be deemed to have read, understood, and accepted the conditions of the Scholarship and the [Scholarships Policy](#).
- 3.3.2. agree to participate in any publicity concerning the Scholarship arranged by the University of Waikato or Torutek Ltd.
- 3.3.3. agree to being contacted directly by Torutek Ltd about the internship

3.4. The Award will have a maximum tenure of one year.

4. **Application**

- 4.1. The closing date for applications is **1 June each year**.
- 4.2. As part of the online application process, each applicant must provide information on the following:
 - 4.2.1. Future career plans.
 - 4.2.2. Interest in software engineering.
 - 4.2.3. Interest in a possible paid summer internship opportunity at Torutek Ltd.
 - 4.2.4. Confirmation of availability from December to February for internship opportunity at Torutek Ltd.
 - 4.2.5. Any special circumstances relevant to the application.
 - 4.2.6. A CV of no more than two A4 pages.
- 4.3. If the applicant has a tertiary qualification from a university other than the University of Waikato they will also need to submit a verified copy of their academic transcript(s).

5. Selection Panel

- 5.1. The selection panel will comprise the Scholarships Committee representative from the Division of Health, Engineering, Computing and Science (in the Chair) and two representatives of Torutek Ltd nominated by the Torutek Senior Leadership Team.
- 5.2. Short-listed candidates will be invited to attend an interview as part of the selection process. The interview may be held at Torutek Ltd or on the University of Waikato Campus and will be no longer than 1 hour in duration.
- 5.3. The Selection Panel may refrain from making a recommendation if it finds no candidate of sufficient merit. The Selection Panel's decision is final; no other correspondence will be entered into following the selection meeting.

6. Other Conditions

- 6.1. The award may be held along with any bursary, prize, or scholarship/award, unless the conditions of any other funds preclude this.
- 6.2. 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.
- 6.3. 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 disrepute¹, 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.
- 6.4. 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.

¹ See [Code of Student Conduct](#)