

The Torutek Software Engineering Scholarship was established in 2018 to provide a gateway from academia to industry for excellent students at 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. The funds are held in trust by the University of Waikato Foundation and one Scholarship will be offered annually until 2025 when it is anticipated that the funds will be fully depleted. The selection process involves an interview.

1. Purpose

- 1.1. The Scholarship aims 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 STEM at the University of Waikato in a BE(Hons) in Software Engineering.
- 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 year following application.

2.2. Applications will be deemed ineligible where:

- 2.2.1. applicants are previous scholarship recipients.
- 2.2.2. Incomplete applications are submitted.

2.3. Selection is primarily based on the following:

- 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 who are available from December to February for an internship (see clause 3.2).

2.4. To maintain eligibility, recipients must remain enrolled full-time during B and A trimesters in the undergraduate degree outlined in Clause 2.1 during the Scholarship Tenure.

3. Value, Awarding and Tenure

- 3.1. The scholarship has a value of **\$5,000** and will be paid in two equal cash instalments.
 - 3.1.1. **\$2,500** will be paid as practicable after acceptance of the Scholarship in the year of awarding.
 - 3.1.2. **\$2,500** will be paid after the withdrawal date for A Trimester in the year following award.

- 3.1.3. The recipient will also be made an offer of a paid summer internship at Torutek Ltd during the summer recess between years three and four 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 be deemed to:
 - 3.3.1. have read, understood, and accepted the conditions of the Scholarship and the [Scholarships Policy](#).
 - 3.3.2. agreed to participate in any publicity concerning the Scholarship arranged by the University of Waikato or Torutek Ltd.
 - 3.3.3. agreed to being contacted directly by Torutek Ltd about the internship.
- 3.4. The Scholarship has 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. **A personal statement** that outlines:
 - a) Future career plans.
 - b) Interest in software engineering
 - c) Interest in a possible paid summer internship at Torutek Ltd.
 - d) Confirmation of availability from December-February for internship opportunity at Torutek Ltd.
 - e) Any special circumstances relevant to the application.
 - 4.2.2. **A CV** of no more than two A4 pages.
- 4.3. If an applicant has a tertiary qualification from another 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 STEM (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 at the University of Waikato Hamilton Campus. Interviews will be up to 1 hour in duration.
- 5.3. The Selection Panel may refrain from making a recommendation if it finds no candidate of sufficient merit. Their 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](#)