

Mercury Scholarship in Data Analysis Regulations

Mercury NZ Ltd established this scholarship in 2025 to support and encourage data science or data modelling students enrolled in New Zealand universities who are interested in areas of relevance to Mercury.

1. Purpose

To support graduate students undertaking a research project in either data science or data modelling, or another similar discipline of study. Mercury wishes to support candidates who are able to undertake a research project, working with Mercury on tracking, measuring and analysing data across the Health and Safety component of their business. These essential components support an organisational goal of Safety Citizenship and more broadly influencing and uplifting NZ safety performance. Where possible, summer internship opportunities may be offered to scholarship recipients.

2. Eligibility

Applications will be accepted from applicants who meet the following eligibility criteria:

- 2.1 Full-time students about to undertake a research project or dissertation in one of the following disciplines:
 - 2.1.1 Data Science
 - 2.1.2 Data Modelling
 - 2.1.3 Project Management
 - 2.1.4 Other disciplines of relevance
- 2.2 New Zealand Citizen or Permanent Resident.

3. Selection Criteria

In considering the award the selection committee will consider:

- 3.1 The candidate's discipline of study and ability to complete the research required by Mercury
- 3.2 The candidate's academic record and achievements to date
- 3.3 The strength of the candidate's references
- 3.4 Future career plans

No scholarship shall be awarded if, in the opinion of the selection committee, there is no candidate of sufficient merit. The selection committee's decision is final, and no correspondence will be entered into following the selection meeting.

4. Applications

Candidates should complete an application using the Universities NZ online scholarships application website: <https://universitiesnz.communityforce.com> The closing date is 14 March.

The application form will request that applicants provide:

- 4.1 proof of NZ citizenship or permanent residency
- 4.2 an academic reference (supplied by the referee directly to applicant's application form); this reference should include assessments of the candidate's achievements and suitability for the award.
- 4.3 evidence demonstrating study's relevance to Mercury Energy's identified data analysis requirements.
- 4.4 evidence of other awards, and of any achievements and practical experience relevant to the scholarship.

Requests for references and for an academic transcript will be initiated by the applicant within the online application.

5. Selection Committee

5.1 The committee will consist of:

- 5.1.1 two representatives from Mercury
- 5.1.2 one representative from the Universities New Zealand Scholarships Committee or their nominee.

5.2 Administration

The scholarship will be administered by Universities New Zealand who will be responsible for publicising the availability of the scholarship, receiving applications, assisting the selection committee in the selection process, advising candidates of the results, and arranging payments.

6. Tenure

The tenure of the scholarship will be a maximum of one year.

6.1 Co-tenure

Co-tenure with other scholarship awards may be allowed with approval from the Chair of the Selection Committee.

6.2 Power to vary

Universities New Zealand may from time to time vary these regulations provided that such changes are consistent with the general purposes of the Scholarship.

7. Value

One scholarship will be offered at a value of \$15,000 per annum.

7.1 Payments

Payments will be dependent on positive and satisfactory reports on progress from the scholar and their supervisor. Unsatisfactory progress may lead to termination of the award.

8. Publicity

Scholars agree to have their name and image published and be available for interviews with the media if required