

Mercury Scholarship in Engineering

Mercury Energy established this scholarship in 2025 to support and encourage engineering students enrolled in New Zealand universities who are specialising in areas of relevance to Mercury.

1. Purpose

To support undergraduate students entering their second year of a Bachelor of Engineering degree in a discipline of relevance to Mercury. Mercury wishes to support candidates who fall into a least one of the categories listed below.

- Female,
- Māori, or Pacific
- from the Waikato or Bay of Plenty region.

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 enrolled or enrolling in their second year of B.Eng. (Hons) in the following engineering disciplines:

- 2.1.1 Mechanical
- 2.1.2 Electrical
- 2.1.3 Chemical
- 2.1.4 Mechatronics
- 2.1.5 Project Management

2.2 New Zealand Citizen or Permanent Resident

2.3 Meet at least one of the categories listed below. Please see [Appendix one](#) for details:

- 2.3.1 Female or;
- 2.3.2 Māori or;
- 2.3.3 Pacifica or;
- 2.3.4 currently residing in Waikato or Bay of Plenty region

3. Selection Criteria

In considering the award the selection committee will consider:

- 3.1 admission into chosen engineering discipline
- 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 15 March.

The application form will request, and applicants must provide:

- 4.1 proof of NZ citizenship or permanent residency
- 4.2 an academic transcript for their first year of B.Eng. (Hons) study
- 4.3 Statement linking your study's relevance to Mercury Energy's identified engineering disciplines
- 4.4 evidence of other awards, and of any achievements and practical experience relevant to the scholarship.
- 4.5 the names of two people who the candidate has asked to provide references; these references should include assessments of the candidate's achievements and suitability for the award.
- 4.6 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
- 5.1.3 an academic who currently teaches engineering at a New Zealand university

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 up to three years.

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

7. Value

Up to three scholarships will be offered at a value of \$5,000 per annum, with one awarded in each of the following categories:

- Female
- Māori or Pacific
- from, or currently residing in Waikato or Bay of Plenty Region

Payments will be made annually and 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.

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.

Publicity

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

Appendix One

Criteria for special categories:

- a) Female - Birth Certificate or statutory declaration.
- b) Māori - ancestry or iwi affiliations
- c) Pacifica - Pacific applicants are defined as citizens or permanent residents of New Zealand who are of indigenous Pacific descent from any of the following islands: Samoa, American Samoa, Tonga, Cook Islands, Niue, Tokelau, Fiji (iTaukei), Rotuma, Solomon Islands, Vanuatu, New Caledonia, Papua New Guinea, Kiribati, Tuvalu, Palau, Marshall Islands, Federated States of Micronesia, Wallis and Futuna, Hawaii, French Polynesia, Rapanui (Easter Island) , Pitcairn Islands, Nauru, Guam, Northern Mariana Islands.