

Solnet Solutions Scholarship for Potential Software Engineers

Call for Applications - 2011

Introduction:

Solnet Solutions is a leading company in the IT sector in New Zealand providing a range of solutions and services to major corporate and Government organisations. Solnet employs high-quality technical staff to support its offerings including Java/JEE software development and integration of solutions from leading software vendors. Solnet has been a regular employer of graduates for several years. For further details please view their website at <http://www.solnetsolutions.co.nz>.

Title:

The scholarship shall be known as the Solnet Solutions Scholarship for Potential Software Engineers.

Purpose:

This Scholarship is offered annually by Solnet to encourage academic performance and interest in the area of professional software development and systems integration.

This Scholarship is awarded for the final year of study and may be held by candidates who, during the tenure of the Scholarship, are pursuing studies for a Bachelor of Engineering (Software Engineering), Bachelor of Science (Computer Science – focusing on software engineering), or a Bachelor of Information Science (with a focus on software engineering) at the Palmerston North campus of Massey University and a Bachelor of Engineering Honours (Electrical and Electronic Engineering), Bachelor of Computer and Information Sciences (Software Development), Bachelor of Mathematical Sciences (Computer Science), or the Bachelor of Engineering Technology (Computer and Mobile Systems Engineering) at the Auckland University of Technology.

Tenure and Value:

The Scholarship shall consist of \$5,000 per annum and in addition will provide paid project work (at Solnet's premises in Wellington or Auckland) of between six and eight weeks between the penultimate and final years of study.

Applications are invited from students who are currently in their penultimate year (ie second to last year) in the degree options listed above.

Payment:

Payment shall be made in two equal payments in April and August. Upon graduation, an offer of employment may also be made.

Eligibility:

The Scholarship shall apply for one year. The Scholarship shall be open to candidates who during the tenure of the Scholarship are pursuing studies for the Bachelor of Engineering (Software Engineering), Bachelor of Science (Computer Science – focusing on software engineering), or a Bachelor of Information Science (with a focus on software engineering) at the Palmerston North campus of Massey University; or a Bachelor of Engineering Honours (Electrical and Electronic Engineering), Bachelor of Computer and Information Sciences (Software Development), Bachelor of Mathematical Sciences (Computer Science), or Bachelor of Engineering Technology (Computer and Mobile Systems Engineering) at the Auckland University of Technology.

The recipient of the Solnet Solutions Scholarship will be chosen in his/her penultimate year of study.

Selection Criteria:

Scholarship applicants will have good academic results (equivalent to at least a B average) and an aptitude for design and development work.

In addition, they will also display the following attributes:

- study and experience of direct relevance to software development
- excellent communication (written and verbal) and interpersonal skills
- the ability to work as part of a team as well as independently
- excellent problem solving skills

Conditions of the Scholarship:

Qualification for the Scholarship shall be based on academic merit and aptitude for design and development work. The Selection Committee will take into account other criteria such as communication and interpersonal skills, initiative and the ability to work as part of a team and independently. Applicant interviews will be conducted.

The Selection Committee may recommend that no award be made if it considers there to be no suitable candidate in any year. If no award is made in any year or years, the Selection Committee may recommend the award of two or more Scholarships in a subsequent year.

The Scholarship is acceptable with any other Scholarship or bursary provided that the rules of the other allow it. Payment of the Scholarship will be made in the months of April and August.

The Scholar's academic performance will be reviewed formally at the conclusion of the first examination/part. For the continuation of the Scholarship (ie payment of the second instalment), Scholars are normally expected to maintain or improve their GPA. Exceptional circumstances, including advocacy by the Scholars mentor, will be considered by the Selection Committee.

Selection Committee:

The Selection Committee shall consist of the Head of the Institute of Information Sciences & Technology or their nominee; the Solnet Solutions Managing Director or their nominee; the Chairperson of Massey University Scholarships committee or their nominee; the Chairperson of the Auckland University of Technology Scholarships Committee or their nominee.

The Scholarship shall be awarded by the Council of Massey University or by the Pro-Vice Chancellor (Learning & Teaching) of the Auckland University of Technology on the recommendation of the Selection Committee.

Responsibility for the Award:

The Massey University Scholarship Committee or the Auckland University of Technology Scholarships Committee has the power to terminate or suspend a scholarship if it receives an unsatisfactory report on the progress of a scholar from the Director/Head of the Department in which the recipient is enrolled. The Massey University Scholarship Committee or the Auckland University of Technology Scholarships Committee has the right to request part or all funding be repaid should the scholarship be terminated or the student withdraw.

Application Form:

Students should formally apply in writing for the scholarship using the application form attached, including their CV and a covering letter explaining why they believe they have the potential as a Software Engineer, and submit to the Scholarships Officer, Massey University, Palmerston North or the Scholarships Office, Auckland University of Technology to be received by the annual closing date.

Closing Date:

The closing date for all applications is 31 August 2011.