Chillisoft-ESET Cyber Security Scholarship

Closing date: 1 February

The Chillisoft-ESET Cyber Security Scholarship was established in 2019 to support academically talented students studying towards a Master of Information Security and Digital Forensics at the Auckland University of Technology.

ESET is an industry-leading developer of IT security solutions for consumers and businesses. With 30 years' experience and more than 1000 staff, ESET's endpoint, encryption and authentication solutions are installed on over 100 million computers world-wide.

The Chillisoft-ESET Cyber Security Scholarship will provide a student studying in the Master of Information Security and Digital Forensics programme with financial support in the form of a fees scholarship.

AMOUNT AND TYPE OF AWARD
- One scholarship awarded annually.
- The scholarship covers a contribution towards tuition fees up to the value of NZ$5000.

TENURE
- Up to 12 months for a student undertaking the 180-point Master of Information Security and Digital Forensics.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA
Applicants for this scholarship must:
- Be intending to enrol in the Master of Information Security and Digital Forensics (MISDF) at the Auckland University of Technology in Semester 1. It is recommended that an Application for Enrolment is in place at the time of applying for the scholarship. Applicants must be successful with their application to use this Award.
- Be a New Zealand citizen or permanent resident.
- Be enrolling in the MISDF for a minimum of 45 points in the academic year, commencing Semester 1.
- Demonstrate a high level of academic achievement in their tertiary study up to the time of application.

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

- Applicants must complete the online scholarships application.
- Applicants must upload a personal statement demonstrating the applicant's:
    i. Interest in the field of Cyber Security;
    ii. Innovative thinking and/or entrepreneurship ability (particularly through extra-curricular initiatives, volunteering and project work); and
    iii. Career aspirations
- Academic transcripts and certificates for any previous tertiary study completed at a university other than AUT University

Reference: Applicants must nominate via the online portal an academic referee in support of their application. The nominated referee will be sent an email from the application portal AUT CommunityForce and asked to comment on the applicant's ability to succeed in the MISDF and their suitability for the scholarship.

SELECTION PROCESS

- The Selection Panel will comprise of two academic representatives from the School of Engineering, Computer and Mathematical Sciences in the field of Cyber Security (nominated by the Head of School), and a member of the Computer and Mathematical Sciences Industry Advisory Committee.
- The Scholarship will be offered primarily based on academic merit, which will normally be calculated on the applicant's Grade Point Average (GPA). However, emphasis will be placed on those papers most relevant to the area of cyber security specialisation.
- The Selection Panel will also take into consideration the applicant's Personal Statement and demonstrated interest in the field of Cyber Security, innovative thinking and/or entrepreneurship ability (particularly through extra-curricular initiatives, volunteering and project work), and stated career aspirations.
- The Selection Panel may refrain from making any recommendations if it finds no applicant of sufficient merit.
- The Selection Panel's decision is final and no correspondence will be entered into following the decision.

CONDITIONS OF ACCEPTANCE AND APPOINTMENT

- The offer of Scholarship must be accepted by the date indicated in the letter of offer or the offer will lapse.
- The Scholarship is conditional on the successful applicant enrolling in a minimum 45 points in the Master of Information Security and Digital Forensics in the year of award.
- The Scholarship will be confirmed once the successful applicant has accepted their enrolment agreement.
- The recipient must meet satisfactory progress to remain on the Scholarship.
- The Scholarships Committee may terminate a Scholarship at any time if it is satisfied that the recipient is not following the approved programme of study or is not otherwise complying with the regulations governing the Scholarship or the Auckland University of Technology.

- The holder of a Scholarship shall retain the right to appeal against any decision to terminate the award.
- The Scholarship may be held together with any other bursary, prize or student allowance, unless the conditions of the other funding preclude this.
- By accepting the Scholarship, the recipient agrees to participate in any reasonable publicity concerning the Scholarship arranged by Chillisoft, ESET and the Auckland University of Technology. The recipient may be asked to attend a presentation ceremony.