

The Sir William Gallagher Cyber Security Scholarship was established in 2015 to support academically talented students studying towards a Master of Cyber Security at the University of Waikato. [Sir William Gallagher](#) is a long-standing supporter of the University of Waikato and Hamilton-based Gallagher is one of the world's leading technology innovators in physical security systems. The Scholarship provides students studying in the Master of Cyber Security Programme with financial support and industry experience through a research project at Gallagher. One Scholarship will be offered each year until 2024.



1. Eligibility and Selection Criteria

1.1. To be eligible, candidates must:

- 1.1.1. be commencing enrolment in A Trimester (in the year following application) in one of the following as part of the Master of Cyber Security (MCS) at the University of Waikato:
 - a) COMPX592 – Dissertation (60-points); or
 - b) COMPX593 – Computer Science thesis (90-points). Note that enrolment in COMPX593 will be at the discretion of the Head of School and may be taken in place of COMPX592 and the two elective papers in Part 1 of the Master of Cyber Security degree.
- 1.1.2. have completed the majority of taught papers for [Part 1 of the Master of Cyber Security](#) by the end of the year of application.
- 1.1.3. have achieved at least a 'B+' grade-point-average (GPA) for their most recent 120-points of study (the 120-points of study must have been undertaken at a New Zealand university);
 - a) Candidates will be ranked by GPA, with emphasis placed on those with papers most relevant to the area of specialisation proposed for the MCS degree.
 - b) Grades for industry placement papers will not be considered.
- 1.1.4. have strong interest in the field of cyber security, show innovative thinking and/or entrepreneurship ability (particularly through previous initiatives and project work), and have career aspirations in the field of cyber security; and
- 1.1.5. be a New Zealand Citizen, New Zealand Permanent Resident, New Zealand Resident class visa holder, Australian Citizen/Permanent Resident domiciled in New Zealand or an international student.

1.2. **To maintain their eligibility**, the successful recipient must:

- 1.2.1. enrol in COMPX592 or COMPX593 as part of the Master of Cyber Security commencing in A Trimester in the year following application; and
 - 1.2.2. discuss their MCS research topic with their University of Waikato supervisor and the Gallagher Group to ensure that it is industry-based and of relevance to Gallagher Group. Gallagher Group will confirm this has been achieved through scholarships@waikato.ac.nz and/or the Development Office. Meet any reporting milestones of the research project established at the start of the project.
- 1.3. Throughout the course of the Scholarship tenure, the recipient may have the opportunity to gain work experience with Gallagher Group. Any work experience will be paid employment outside the scope of this Scholarship. The days and hours of any such employment will be discussed and mutually agreed to by the student and Gallagher Group and will not be at the expense of the student's research and/or study.

2. **Value, Awarding and Tenure**

- 2.1. The Scholarship will have a value of **up to \$20,000** with the value awarded dependent on the paper enrolment (as outlined in clause 1.2.1)
- 2.2. The Scholarship will be paid as outlined follows:
 - 2.2.1. **\$7,000** will be credited directly to the tuition fees for the Master of Cyber Security (including the Student Services Fee (SSF)). The credit will be processed upon confirmation of the recipient's enrolment in either COMPX592 (60-point dissertation) or COMPX593 (90-point thesis) as part of the Master of Cyber Security. Any remaining funds from the \$7,000 will be forfeited.
 - 2.2.2. **\$13,000** will be paid directly into the recipient's bank account in equal monthly instalments over the 12 months tenure.
 - 2.2.2.1. The final instalment will be withheld and paid on submission of the master's thesis or dissertation. The final instalment will lapse if the thesis/dissertation is not submitted by the due date of the paper enrolment.
- 2.3. The offer of a Scholarship must be accepted by the due date, or the offer will lapse. The offer will be conditional on the successful candidate maintaining all eligibility requirements outlined in Clause 1.2.
- 2.4. In accepting the Scholarship, the recipient will be deemed to have read, understood, and accepted the conditions of the Scholarship and the [Scholarships Policy](#).
- 2.5. The Scholarship will have a tenure of up to 12 months, beginning from the enrolment start date of the dissertation/thesis during A Trimester in the year following application.

3. Application

3.1. The closing date for online applications is **31 October annually**.

3.2. As part of the online application process, each candidate must submit:

3.2.1. a Personal Statement (using the template provided) that outlines the following:

- the area of research that interests you the most in the field of cyber security, and the reason(s) for your interest;
- a potential research topic and its relevance to Gallagher;
- examples of the ways in which you have demonstrated innovative thinking and/or entrepreneurship ability; and
- your career aspirations.

3.3. Candidates must also request submission of an academic reference attesting to their ability to succeed in the Master of Cyber Security and their suitability for the Scholarship.

4. Selection Panel

4.1. The Selection Panel will comprise the Division of Health, Engineering, Computing and Science representative to the Scholarships Committee (in Chair), an academic staff member in the field of Cyber Security (nominated by the Chair of the Scholarships Committee) and up to two representatives from Gallagher Group.

4.2. The Selection Panel may refrain from making any recommendations if it finds no candidate of sufficient merit.

4.3. The Selection Panel's decisions are final and no correspondence will be entered into following the selection meeting.

5. Other Conditions

5.1. The Scholarship may be held together with any other scholarship or award unless the conditions of the other funding preclude this.

5.2. Recipients should seek independent financial advice about any tax implications of their Scholarship.

5.3. The Scholarships Committee may terminate this Scholarship at any time, and recoup any funds disbursed, if the holder withdraws from the University of Waikato during the tenure of the Scholarship, brings the Scholarship, University and/or Gallagher into disrepute¹, or is otherwise not complying with the regulations governing the Scholarship. The holder of a Scholarship will have the right to appeal to the Scholarships Executive against any decision to terminate the award.

5.4. By accepting a Scholarship, the recipient agrees to participate in any publicity concerning the Scholarship arranged by Gallagher and/or the University of Waikato. The recipient may be asked to attend a presentation ceremony.

5.5. 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](#).