SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION

The purpose of the University of Waikato Computer Science Scholarship Examination is to determine whether new students have sufficient proficiency in the subject to merit placement in the more senior papers. In addition, up to 10 students demonstrating a particular aptitude for the subject will be offered $5,000 fee scholarships on the basis of the exam results.

The scholarship examination is roughly the equivalent to the practical programming tasks and final exam of the first year paper Introduction to Computer Science 1 at Waikato University, which gives students a basic level of competence in computer programming and computing concepts.

Detailed below, and in the attached document titled Syllabus, is all of the information you need to know about the Scholarship Examination process.

Awards

- On the basis of examination results, up to 10 $5,000 fee scholarships will be offered. These scholarships may be used to offset fees payable for the first or second years of a BCMS, BSc, or BE degree (in one of the computing streams) at Waikato University. They shall not be tenable for any other degree or at any other university.
- At the discretion of the Chairperson of the Computer Science Department, students who obtain a high pass mark in the scholarship exam will be offered a more advanced programme of study at Waikato University.

Eligibility

- All scholarship candidates must either be New Zealand residents (proof of citizenship or permanent residence may be required before the candidate is allowed to sit the examination) or be non-residents enrolled in a New Zealand high school.
- Any student awarded a University of Waikato Computer Science Scholarship must meet the entry requirements for the degree they choose to do. For more information please see the School website or handbook.
- The scholarship examination is open to Year 12 and Year 13 students only.

Examination

- The University of Waikato Computer Science Scholarship Examination is made up of two parts: a two-hour written examination and a six-hour practical examination.
- The two-hour written examination will be conducted on Friday 14 October 2016.
- The six-hour practical examination will be conducted on Saturday 15 October 2016.
- The examination may be conducted and supervised by the candidate’s school so that the candidate will be working in a familiar hardware and software environment. Alternatively, candidates may sit the examination at Waikato University. Please contact our department as soon as possible to arrange this.
- Candidates will be required to present proof of identity at the examination.
Reference Material

- The examination syllabus is included in this pack, and covers all of the information students will need to know to effectively prepare for the examination. This information has been made available to all schools with students participating in the UWCS Scholarship Examination. The syllabus is also obtainable directly from the University of Waikato Department of Computer Science by phoning 07-838-4021 or via e-mail to cs-scholarships@waikato.ac.nz

- Further information can also be obtained from the website at: