



2025 Women in Information Technology Scholarship Information Sheet

PURPOSE

The purpose of this scholarship is to recognise that women in New Zealand are under-represented in the Information Technology industry in comparison to the majority of the developed world.

Women represent less than 16% of the workforce in technical roles. This scholarship is intended to assist a female student studying at Otago Polytechnic who shows ability and resilience to succeed in the field of information technology.

This scholarship will contribute \$2,000 as a one-off tuition fees reduction in the prescribed programmes detailed in Terms and Conditions below.

All scholarships will be paid towards course tuition fees with the balance owing to be paid direct by the learner or by student loan.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

The scholarship is open to any female student studying at Otago Polytechnic in 2024 or intends to enrol to study in 2025 who:

- is a domestic student; **and**
- is not on any other study scholarship(s); **and**
- enrolls or is enrolled full time in the Bachelor of Information Technology; **and**
- does not have any outstanding debt to Otago Polytechnic.

CRITERIA FOR SELECTION

Selection will be based on the assessed ability of the student to meet the following:

- potential to complete their study
- success in previous study
- planning for the future

REQUIREMENTS FOR APPLICATION

1. References

Applicants are required to fill out the application form and include **at least TWO recent written references** from people who can comment on their personal qualities, and experience in areas such as:

- academic ability
- paid or unpaid work
- community involvement

Examples of suitable referees include:

- **teacher or lecturer:** note no member of the selection panel may act as a referee
- **community leader/worker:** for example, from a church or ethnic group
- **employer or supervisor:** a person in a position of responsibility who has been involved with the student in a work situation (unpaid or voluntary work/vacation or part-time work/fulltime paid employment).

Note: members of the applicant's family are not permitted to be referees.

2. Personal Statement

Please attach a personal statement (max 500 words) demonstrating your commitment to Information Technology, and outlining the qualities and extra-curricular activities, interests and achievements making you a worthy recipient of the scholarship.

3. Academic Records/Results

Copies of academic records/results must also be included with the application form.

4. Curriculum Vitae (CV)

Please attach a current curriculum vitae. Do not attach originals as they will not be returned.

5. Student fees

How were your fees paid?

- StudyLink
- Personal
- Employer
- Otago Polytechnic scholarship

If you have outstanding debt (this includes Robertson Library fees), please pay this at Customer Services.

6. Publicity

Otago Polytechnic reserves the right to use the names, photographs, and details of successful applicants for advertising and publicity. The scholarship recipient must agree to be reasonably available to participate in interviews and promotional activities if requested by Otago Polytechnic.

APPLICATION PROCESS

Completed application forms must be received by **Friday 27 September 2024**.

Late or incomplete applications will not be considered.

Email: IT@op.ac.nz

Post: Customer Services | F1, Otago Polytechnic, Private Bag 1910, Dunedin 9054

Freephone: 0800 762 786

SELECTION PROCESS

Selection is usually made on the written applications. The selection panel comprises Otago Polytechnic's Head of College (ECL), Head of IT Programmes, and a BIT lecturer.

The selection panel do reserve the right to interview applicants. If interviews are required, the selection panel will draw up the short-list of applicants to be interviewed, and applicants will be notified by email. Applicants may bring up to two support people to the interview if desired. Due to time and other factors, one person only may speak in support of the applicant (if required).

Scholarship winners will be notified by Friday 11 October 2024.