

Emeritus Professor John Chen Scholarship in Chemical and Materials Engineering

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| Code: | 1196 |
| Faculty: | Engineering and Design |
| Applicable study: | Part II BE(Hons) in Chemical and Materials Engineering |
| Closing date: | 25 September 2025 |
| Tenure: | One year |
| For: | Assistance with study |
| Number on offer: | Up to three |
| Offer rate: | Annually |
| Value: | Up to \$10,000 each |

Description

The Scholarship was established in 2024 and is funded by Emeritus Professor John Chen and the Chen family. Professor Chen is an alumnus of the Faculty of Engineering at Waipapa Taumata Rau, University of Auckland, and taught in the Faculty for more than 35 years, including as Head of the Department of Chemical and Materials Engineering from 1996-2003.

The main purpose of the Scholarship is to encourage and assist undergraduate students to study Chemical and Materials Engineering.

Selection process

- Application is made to the Scholarships Office
- A Selection Committee assesses the applications
- The Scholarship is awarded by the University of Auckland Council on the recommendation of the Selection Committee

Regulations

1. The Scholarship will be known as the Emeritus Professor John Chen Scholarship in Chemical and Materials Engineering.
2. Up to three Scholarships will be awarded annually each for a period of up to one year and will be of the value of up to \$10,000 each.
3. To be eligible for Scholarship consideration, an applicant must be i) a New Zealand Citizen or Permanent Resident (see Note II), ii) currently enrolled in Part I of a Bachelor of Engineering (Honours) (BE(Hons) or BE(Hons) conjoint degree at Waipapa Taumata Rau, University of Auckland, and iii) intending to specialise in Chemical and Materials Engineering in their Part II studies in the following year. A grade point average (GPA) of 6.00 (5.50 for Māori or Pacific candidates) in the applicant's Semester One studies is required for Scholarship consideration.
4. The basis of selection will be academic merit as assessed by the applicant's Semester One GPA (see Note III), and

the applicant's leadership and communication skills, community contribution and engagement, and participation in co-curricular activities, as assessed by a personal statement.

5. The Scholarship will be awarded by the University of Auckland Council on the recommendation of a Selection Committee comprising the Associate Dean (Academic) of the Faculty of Engineering (or nominee), the Head of the Department of Chemical and Materials Engineering (or nominee), and a representative of the donors.
6. The Scholarship will be paid in two equal instalments in Semester One and Two, as soon as is practical after confirmation of the awardee's enrolment (that is, after the final date on which a student may add or delete courses without incurring a late enrolment fee).
7. To be paid the Scholarship, awardees must be enrolled full-time in a BE(Hons) in Chemical and Materials Engineering. Conjoint students must be enrolled in at least 60 points of Chemical and Materials Engineering courses over Semester One and Two to be paid the Scholarship. To be paid the Semester Two instalment, awardees must achieve a GPA of at least 5.50 in their Semester One courses (see Note III).
8. The Scholarship may be held with any other scholarship, award or grant as long as the regulations for that scholarship, award or grant permit and the University of Auckland Council is informed and approved. It is the responsibility of the awardee to declare to the Scholarships Office all other scholarships, awards or grant funding received and for which the awardee receives payment while also in payment for this Scholarship.
9. The University of Auckland Council, in consultation with the donor, has the power to terminate or suspend a scholarship if it receives a report of unsatisfactory progress by a Scholar from the Head of the Department of Chemical and Materials Engineering.
10. The University of Auckland Council is not obliged to make an award if it is determined there is no candidate that meets the criteria and/or no candidate of sufficient merit.
11. Payments under the terms of this Scholarship remain tax-free as long as they are used for the payment of costs associated with an awardee's programme of study and/or to assist the awardee with living costs while studying (see Note I). Failure to comply with this regulation will result in the termination of the Scholarship.
12. The University of Auckland Council, in consultation with the donor, can amend or vary these regulations provided that there is no departure from the main purpose of the Scholarship.
13. Applications close with the Scholarships Office on 25 September in the year preceding the award.
14. Notes [I]-[IV] below are deemed to be Regulations.

Notes

- I. The tax-free status of this Scholarship is under current legislation. The University of Auckland cannot guarantee this tax-free outcome.*
- II. New Zealand Permanent Residents have been granted a Permanent Resident Visa by Immigration New Zealand. For more information visit <https://www.immigration.govt.nz/new-zealand-visas/already-have-a-visa/becoming-a-permanent-resident>.*
- III. For the purposes of this Scholarship, the awardee's grade point average (GPA) is based on all the courses they undertake in each semester of study.*
- IV. Awardees will be required to give undertakings that they will comply with the regulations for the Scholarship and will notify the Scholarships Office of any change in their enrolment or funding status. The University of Auckland may, in the event that it can be established that an awardee is not complying with these regulations, terminate the Scholarship and require repayment of the funds received from the date of the breach.*