

AUT AND PACIFIC ISLANDS MEDIA ASSOCIATION PASIFIKA COMMUNICATIONS SCHOLARSHIP

CLOSING DATE: 28 NOVEMBER 2009 (UNDERGRADUATE); 19 JANUARY 2010 (POSTGRADUATE)

These awards are sponsored and organised by AUT's School of Communication Studies and Office of Pasifika Advancement in partnership with the Pacific Islands Media Association (PIMA) for New Zealand resident Pacific Islanders seeking media qualifications. The scholarship is offered to assist one undergraduate and one postgraduate full-time student in communication studies.

AMOUNT AND TYPE OF AWARD

- The scholarship covers tuition fees for a maximum of four papers per semester, student services fee and Student Association fee (AUSM)
- The scholarship does not include books, material fees, NZQA, administration charges when changing a programme of study and miscellaneous charges.

TENURE

- The tenure of this scholarship is for one year full-time study and pending academic performance may be renewed in subsequent years
- Part-time study options are available but will be negotiated on an individual basis. The maximum timeframe for completion of part-time study is five years.

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

- AUT & PIMA Scholarship Application Form.
- Academic Transcript
- Short brief of professional background
- Signed Terms of Reference & Selection Criteria form
- Endorsement of support from one or more of the following:
 - » Community Leader
 - » School Principal (for undergraduate applications)
 - » Professional Supervisor/Manager (for postgraduate applications).

CRITERIA

- The successful applicant will be chosen according to the following criteria:

Undergraduate scholarship

- Demonstrated commitment to their respective community, measured by:
 - » Personal maturity; communication skills; leadership attributes within School community; involvement in general community projects and activities
- Academic excellence measured by overall meritorious academic performance in secondary school
- A Pasifika student who at the time of their application has been accepted onto a programme of study in the School of Communication Studies at AUT, including the Graduate Diploma in Pacific Journalism.

Postgraduate scholarship

- A Pasifika professional who is a member of the Pacific Islands Media Association, and has been accepted onto a postgraduate programme of study at the School of Communication Studies at AUT
- Who has a degree in communication studies or related field and has had a minimum two years work experience in the media industry or has had five years minimum work experience in the media industry.

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SELECTION

- Applicants will be short-listed by a selection panel from the School of Communication Studies Equity and Diversity Committee.
- Short-listed applicants will attend an interview. The interview panel shall consist of representatives from the Pacific Island Media Association, School of Communication Studies, AUT and a Pasifika representative from the Office of Pasifika Advancement.

CONDITIONS OF ACCEPTANCE AND RENEWAL

- This scholarship may not be held in conjunction with any other fees scholarship
 - The recipient may hold additional non-tuition fee based scholarships with the approval of the Head of Department and the Scholarships Office
 - All recipients must maintain regular contact with designated AUT Student Services Pasifika Support Centre Staff
 - Continuation of scholarship payments each academic year will be conditional on passing all papers
 - As an AUT & PIMA Scholarship recipient you will be required to undertake at least one community/promotional activity per year for both the School and PIMA, such as:
 - The annual PIMA conference
 - The Polyfest
 - AUT Open Days and Māori/Pasifika Days
 - All recipients must provide evidence of their community/promotional activity to the School Programme Leader, Student Matters.