



AUT Laptop Scholarship
(Supported by Cyclone Computers)

Purpose:	The primary objectives are to enhance the postgraduate learning experience and to increase study options for postgraduate research students through a laptop scholarship programme.
Closing Date:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 31 March 2012
Type of Award	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One T520 Lenovo ThinkPad with 15" screen supplied with Microsoft ® Windows Vista Home Basic, Microsoft Office Professional Plus ® 2010, 4GB Memory, 250 GB Hard Drive, a laptop Bag with peripherals. Three year return to base hardware support and 15 days initial software support is available.
Number offered	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Twenty six in total • Scholarships will be allocated by Faculty (pro-rata)
Tenure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The laptop will be owned by the recipient.
Selection Criteria:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The scholarship is open to full or part-time postgraduate research students enrolled in a thesis of 90 points or greater, with at least twelve months of full-time study (or the part-time equivalent) remaining in their research programme. • In determining the suitability of an applicant for the scholarship, the selection panel will take into consideration the applicant's academic record, the letter of support, the University's strategic needs and any other relevant information. • AUT Staff members are not eligible to apply for the scholarship. Students who are employed by the University as graduate or research assistants, but whose primary engagement with the University is for study, are eligible to apply. • Previous recipients of the Laptop Scholarship are not eligible to re-apply for the scholarship.
Application requirements:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Official confirmation of current enrolment in an appropriate thesis paper at AUT University. • Completed AUT Scholarship application form • Letter of support from Supervisor, Programme Leader or Associate Dean. • Confirmation of excellent academic achievement supported by academic transcripts and the letter of support).

Selection Process	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Scholarships Office will provide the Faculty Associate Dean (Postgraduate/Research) with eligible Faculty applications. Faculties will then select the successful applicants (pro rata by faculty) and advise the Scholarships Office of the decision. • The decision of the Faculty panel will be final and no correspondence will be entered into.
Conditions of Acceptance	<p>Scholarship recipients:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Must take up the scholarship in the year awarded. • Must attend a specific laptop orientation and training programme to receive the laptop. • Must be fully enrolled before receiving the laptop. • Must return the laptop to AUT University in the event they cease their studies at AUT. • Must participate in providing ongoing feedback on the laptop scholarship programme through surveys and focus groups. • Should be available for any publicity or advertising around the award of the scholarship. • Abide by AUT IT policies when using the AUT network. • Will be responsible for all laptop repairs, maintenance and ongoing associated costs outside of the specific warranty coverage. • The Scholarship may be terminated at any point by the University Scholarships Committee should any unfavourable report be received from staff monitoring performance.
Monitoring and reporting requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participation in 1-2 on-line surveys or focus groups (each involving approximately 1 hour) each year of study coordinated by IT Services. • Ongoing enrolment and progress will be monitored annually
Renewal Criteria	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The scholarship will only be awarded once to any individual student.