

BUSINESS UNDERGRADUATE COOPERATIVE EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP

**Closing date: January (Intake 1), February (Intake 2), May (Intake 3)
July (Intake 4), September (Intake 5)**

The AUT Business School, in conjunction with a generous donation from a family trust, is pleased to be able to offer a scholarship to enable students in the Bachelor of Business to undertake an International Virtual Internship which can be used for Cooperative Education (Coop). The aim of the Business Undergraduate Cooperative Education Scholarship is to offer assistance to students when, due to financial circumstances, it would be difficult for them to undertake the International Virtual Internship option. This scholarship will be offered in the first half of 2021 only as a result of repurposing the Business Undergraduate International Exchange Scholarship due to COVID-19.

AMOUNT AND TYPE OF AWARD

- There are a number of Business Undergraduate Cooperative Education Scholarships offered per intake to students currently studying in the Bachelor of Business programme.
- The scholarship consists of up to NZD\$2,500 for each recipient to be used to support the placement costs to secure a virtual internship with the selected placement provider.

TENURE

- The tenure of this scholarship is for one intake only.

CRITERIA

- Applicants for these scholarships must be New Zealand citizens or permanent residents.
- Be enrolled full-time in the AUT Bachelor of Business in either the second or third year of their studies, at the time of application for the Cooperative Education.
- Demonstrate a satisfactory academic record normally with a minimum B grade average.
- Be accepted for a Virtual Internship via the selected third-party provider.

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

Application is through the AUT on-line scholarship application portal. Applicants must upload to their application:

- A written statement outlining (1) type/area of Virtual Internship the applicant has been accepted into and why they chose it; (2) how the Virtual Internship experience will benefit the applicant; (3) the financial circumstances that would make it difficult to undertake the Virtual Internship; and (4) the ability to fund the balance of the costs associated with the Virtual Internship if their application is successful.

Applicants must nominate one referee through the portal. Applicants send an email from the "Request Section" of the online application to their referee asking them to provide a reference statement through the portal.

CONDITIONS OF SELECTION AND ACCEPTANCE

- Recipients will be selected by the scholarship selection panel, comprising the Business School Associate Dean International and the nominated representative of the Trust.
- The decision of the scholarship selection panel is final.
- If the panel is of opinion that there is no applicant of sufficient merit, the scholarship will not be awarded.
- Recipients must complete the Virtual Internship as approved.
- Recipients must write a report and submit the report to the Business School Associate Dean International and the Trust on their Virtual Internship experience and the outcomes from it within one month of the completion of their Virtual Internship.