

## AUT Postgraduate Research Scholarships

**Closing dates: 15 June and 15 November**

Auckland University of Technology (AUT) provides postgraduate scholarships to encourage postgraduate study and research and to recognise student academic achievement.

AUT Postgraduate Research Scholarship is available to students undertaking study including a research component at Level 8 (Bachelor Honours Degree) or Level 9 (Master's Degree) on the New Zealand Qualifications Framework (NZQF) who have demonstrated the potential to achieve highly. The scholarships are available to students intending to enrol in a programme of study with equivalence of a 30-point (or above) research component in a bachelor with honours degree, or a 45-point (or above) research component in a master's degree. *(See Appendix for list of eligible programmes)*

### TYPE OF AWARD

The scholarship consists of tuition fees and compulsory student services fees (domestic equivalent rate) for:

- 120pts at Level 8 or above in the approved programme of study completed within a twelve-month period; or
- 180pts at Level 9 in the approved programme of study completed within an eighteen-month period, or
- 240pts at Level 8 or above in the approved programme of study completed within a twenty-four-month period.

Stipend scholarships may also be awarded to top applicants:

- Tuition fees and compulsory student services fees plus an annual stipend of either \$5,000 or \$10,000.

### TENURE

The scholarship tenures are:

- for the 120pts honours or 120pts thesis programme tenure is twelve months of consecutive full-time study only.
- for a 180pts programme the tenure is eighteen months of consecutive full-time study only.
- for a 240pts programme the tenure is 24 months of consecutive full-time study only.

### ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

- Preference will be given to applicants enrolling for the first time in the eligible programme.
- Applicants must have completed their qualifying programme at AUT or any other New Zealand tertiary institution.
- Applicants must be intending to study full-time.
- Applicants must:
  - Achieve a minimum GPA of 7.5 (A-/A) across a 120pts in the final year of their qualifying programme; or
  - Be registered in ARION as having Māori or Pacific first ethnicity and achieve a minimum GPA of 6.5 (B+/A-) across 120pts in the final year of their qualifying programme; or

- Be able to prove significant financial hardship and achieve a minimum GPA of 6.5 (B+/A-) across 120pts in the final year of their qualifying programme.
- Recipients of this scholarship are not eligible to reapply in subsequent years.
- Students who already commenced studies in the eligible programme may apply, and if successful the scholarship tenure will be reduced by the studies already completed in the approved programme.

#### APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

Applicants must complete the online AUT Postgraduate Research Scholarship Application available through the AUT Scholarships Database [www.aut.ac.nz/scholarships](http://www.aut.ac.nz/scholarships). Applications will open in October of the year preceding study for Semester 1 enrolment starts (Master of Philosophy enrolments February or May) and May for Semester 2 enrolment starts (Master of Philosophy enrolments August or November). Applicants will be asked to upload the following documentation:

- A one-page personal statement outlining the applicant's academic goals, motivation and interest in research study and career aspirations stating why they believe they merit the scholarship.
- If the applicant is applying for Master of Philosophy or Masters' by 120pts thesis, their approved PGR1.
- If the applicant is applying under the category Māori or Pacific, they must outline in the statement their cultural involvement.
- If an applicant wishes to be considered as under financial hardship, they must address this in their personal statement and upload evidence of their financial position, i.e., IRD statement of income, and provide a reference from a person other than a family member who can support the applicant's financial need.
- Academic transcript(s) for any previous tertiary study that was completed at a New Zealand tertiary institution other than AUT.
- A copy of the applicant's AUT transcript will be added to the application by the Scholarships Office once grades have been finalised.

#### SELECTION PROCESS

- Eligible applications will be shortlisted by Faculties.
- A subcommittee of the AUT Scholarships Committee will make the final selection of recipients of centrally funded scholarships.
- Recipients of School or Faculty funded scholarships will be selected by the funding unit.

#### CONDITIONS OF ACCEPTANCE

- The award of this scholarship is conditional on the student enrolling full-time in an approved programme. Approved study may be in Semester 1, Semester 2, and the Summer Semester (if available).
- The award will be paid as a contribution to fees only unless a stipend is also awarded.
- When awarded, the stipend of \$10,000 (120pts thesis) will be paid in ten equal monthly instalments on approval of the PGR1 and enrolment into the thesis paper.
- When awarded, the stipend of \$5,000 (90pts thesis) will be paid in four equal two-monthly instalments on approval of the PGR1 and enrolment into the thesis paper.

- Stipends are tax exempt and made for the purpose of supporting the recipient's education and attendance at an educational institution. There is no expectation for services to be rendered by the recipient.
- The recipient may hold other scholarships with the approval of the Scholarships Office.
- Scholars will normally enrol in no less than 60pts in every semester of their study during the tenure of the scholarship; permission to study less than 60pts will be given only in exceptional circumstances; in such cases the total value of the scholarship will be paid pro-rata to cover the points taken within the scholarship tenure period.
- Recipients of the \$10,000 stipend will not normally be approved to hold employment for more than 15 hours per week during Semesters 1 and 2 and will be expected to declare their employment.
- The scholarship cannot be deferred.
- Recipients must be enrolled continuously in their programme of study; suspensions or Leave of Absence for students who have already commenced their programme will not normally be approved unless there are compelling medical or personal circumstances beyond the student's control.
- Suspension requests must be made in writing to the Scholarships Office.
- Recipients who withdraw from the thesis or dissertation must inform the Scholarship Office in writing.
- Recipients who take up this Scholarship but do not complete at least two semesters of study at AUT may be required to pay back the full value of the scholarship received.

## AUT POSTGRADUATE RESEARCH SCHOLARSHIP – APPENDIX

### ELIGIBLE PROGRAMMES

*Equivalence of a 30-point (or above) research component in a bachelor with honours degree, or a 45-point (or above) research component in a master’s degree.*

#### All Faculties

Master of Philosophy

#### Faculty of Business Economics and Law

Bachelor of Business (Honours)

Bachelor of Laws (Honours) - 60pts only at Level 8

Master of Business

Master of Laws (by Thesis or by Dissertation)

#### Faculty of Design and Creative Technologies

Master of Architecture (Professional)

Master of Communication Studies

Master of Computer and Information Sciences

Master of Construction Management

Master of Creative Technologies

#### Faculty of Culture and Society

Bachelor of Arts (Honours)

Master of Arts

Master of Creative Writing

Master of Criminology and Criminal Justice

Master of Education

Master of English and New Media Studies

Master of Gastronomy

Master of Human Rights

Master of International Hospitality Management

Master of International Tourism Management

Master of Language and Culture

Master of Professional Language Studies -  
Language Teaching

Master of Teaching and Learning

Master of Design

Master of Engineering

Master of Engineering Project Management

Master of Information Security and Digital  
Forensics

Master of IT Project Management

Master of Visual Arts

#### Faculty of Health and Environmental Sciences

Bachelor of Health Science (Honours)

Bachelor of Advanced Science (Honours)

Bachelor of Science (Honours)

Bachelor of Sport and Recreation (Honours)

Master of Disaster Risk Management and  
Development

Master of Health Practice

Master of Health Science

Master of Medical Laboratory Science

Master of Nursing Science

Master of Physiotherapy Practice

Master of Psychotherapy

Master of Public Health

Master of Science

Master of Science (Research)

Master of Sport, Exercise and Health