



Student Guidelines - Woolf Fisher First-in-Family AUT Scholarship

Closing date 1st September (for first-year study commenced Semester 1 in year of application)

Purpose

The Woolf Fisher Trust aims to recognize and reward excellence in education. The late Sir Woolf Fisher was a passionate supporter of education in Aotearoa, New Zealand and established the Trust for the advancement of scientific and general education in Aotearoa New Zealand through fellowships and scholarships.

The Woolf Fisher First-in-Family Scholarship provides tertiary education opportunities to young New Zealanders from families with no history of tertiary or degree level study and for whom university study is seen as a challenge. This scholarship aims to provide necessary financial support to enable students to participate fully and achieve excellence in university education.

Value and Tenure

- Up to thirteen scholarships will be awarded annually, however, this number may vary from year to year.
- The scholarship is tenable for three years of full-time study.
- Students enrolled in a three-year degree programme will receive:
 - The full amount of tuition fees and the compulsory student services fee for full-time study in their first, second and third year of enrolment.
- Consideration may be given for a fourth year for applicants enrolling in a four-year degree programme.

Eligibility Criteria

1. Applicants for a *Woolf Fisher First-in-Family AUT Scholarship* must be the first-in-family to seek to complete a degree. First-in-family normally means that neither of the applicant's birth parents has successfully completed a degree level qualification.
2. An applicant with brothers or sisters enrolled in, or with a degree, may be eligible to apply for a *Woolf Fisher First-in-Family AUT Scholarship*, however, priority may be given to an applicant who is the first child in the family to enrol in a degree.
3. Applicants must be able to demonstrate financial hardship.
4. Applicants must be currently enrolled in their first year of full-time study in a bachelor's degree programme at AUT at time of application
5. An applicant must be a New Zealand citizen and have attended a secondary school in New Zealand for at least two years.
6. Preference will be given to applicants from South Auckland who can demonstrate a commitment to bringing about change in their community.

Application requirements

Applicants will apply through the AUT Scholarships online portal and must be enrolled to begin study at AUT in the year of scholarship application. The following documentation needs to be uploaded in the portal:

- Certified copies of academic records to date including NCEA results or equivalent and grades from study in semester 1 at AUT.
- A list of academic achievements, leadership positions, sporting and cultural involvement and community involvement;
- A statement of the applicant's determination to succeed in their chosen course of study and to contribute to their community.

Applicants will be asked to declare in their application:

- Neither of the applicant's birth parents has successfully completed a degree level qualification.
- Any current or past degree programme enrolments of their brothers and sisters.

Selection

- Applications will be considered and shortlisted by a selection panel appointed by the AUT Foundation, including the Pro Vice Chancellor Pacific and the Pou Mua Senior Manager after Semester 1 academic results are released.
- The *Woolf Fisher First-in-Family AUT Scholarship* will be awarded by the AUT Foundation.
- The decision of the AUT Foundation is final. If, in the opinion of the AUT Foundation, no applicant of sufficient merit has applied for the *Woolf Fisher First-in-Family AUT Scholarship* in a given year, no scholarship shall be offered that year.

Conditions of award

- The scholarship is for full-time study of 120 points each year in a Bachelor's degree, such that the recipient may complete their degree in the minimum time stipulated for that degree (normally three years, and on occasion four years).
- A *Woolf Fisher First-in-Family AUT 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 AUT Foundation.
- Annual renewal of the *Woolf Fisher First-in-Family AUT Scholarship* is conditional upon the student passing *all* papers during the tenure of the scholarship, thereby completing the degree in the minimum time. In exceptional circumstances this condition may be waived.
- The AUT Foundation may at any time suspend or terminate the *Woolf Fisher First-in-Family AUT Scholarship*, or require the forfeiture of such proportion of the scholarship as the AUT Foundation may determine, if it is not satisfied that the recipient is diligently pursuing the approved program or if the recipient has failed to comply with any of the terms and conditions on which the scholarship was awarded.
- The *Woolf Fisher First-in-Family AUT Scholarship* must be taken up for the year for which it was offered and may not be deferred to a later year.

- The *Woolf Fisher First-in-Family AUT Scholarship* may not be deferred nor suspended during tenure, except under special circumstances.