

## AUT Postgraduate Scholarships

Closing date: 15 November and 15 June

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

AUT Postgraduate Scholarship (coursework) is available to intending full-time students undertaking study at Level 8 or above (New Zealand Qualifications Framework) who have demonstrated the potential to achieve highly. The Scholarships are available to AUT students or alumni, and alumni of other New Zealand tertiary institutions, intending to enrol in one of the following programmes:

- A Postgraduate Diploma
- A one year AUT Honours programme. Fourth year Law, Engineering and Science students are not eligible to apply.
- A coursework master's programme. The scholarship will cover a fees contribution for a total of 120pts including coursework and a research project or dissertation of up to 60pts.
- The coursework year of a Professional Doctorate (120pts of coursework may be spread over two years).

### TYPE OF AWARD

- The scholarship consists of tuition fees and student services levies of up to a maximum of \$9,250 for 120pts at Level 8 or above in the approved programme of study completed within a twelve month period.
- Stipend scholarships may be awarded to top applicants. In cases where full fees plus a stipend is awarded the stipend will be valued at \$5,000 paid in two instalments during the twelve month period.

### TENURE

- The scholarship covers 120pts and is normally awarded for twelve months of full time study only.
- Recipients of this award who progress into a Research Masters with a thesis component of 90pts or greater who meet the GPA requirement are eligible to apply for an *AUT Research Masters Scholarship*.
- Recipients of this scholarship undertaking a 240pt masters with a thesis component of less than 90pts who meet the GPA requirement are eligible to apply for a second year (120pts) of the *AUT Postgraduate Scholarship (Coursework)*.

### ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

- Applicants must be either studying their pre-qualification at AUT at the time of application or have completed their qualifying degree in a relevant field at AUT, or another New Zealand tertiary institution, no more than two years prior at the time of application.

- Applicants must:
  - achieve a minimum GPA of 7.00 (A-) across a minimum of 120pts in the final year of their qualifying degree; 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 degree.
  - 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 degree.
- When an applicant has undertaken an approved international exchange programme during the final year of their qualifying degree the GPA will be assessed across the AUT papers only. Evidence of grades for papers undertaken as part of the exchange will be required once available.
- Recipients of this scholarship are not eligible to reapply to support the same programme of study in subsequent years.
- An applicant wishing to be considered as under financial hardship will be required to provide evidence i.e. IRD statement of income plus supply a reference from someone other than a family member supporting the financial need.
- Applicants must intend to enrol full-time (no less than 120pts per annum) in the twelve months following application.

#### APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

Applicants must complete the *AUT Postgraduate Scholarship Application* online 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 study or May for study in Semester 2. The following documentation must be received on or before the closing date.

- A *one-page* personal statement outlining the applicant's academic goals and career aspirations stating why they believe they merit the scholarship. If the applicant is applying under the category Māori or Pacific they must outline their cultural involvement.
- The personal statement should also attach an outline of recent leadership positions or responsibilities held within the University or community.
- If an applicant wishes to be considered under the Financial Hardship category they must address this in their personal statement and upload evidence of their financial position i.e. an IRD statement of income and provide the details of a referee, other than a family member or friend, who can support the applicant's financial need.
- Applicants from other New Zealand tertiary institutions will be required to upload the transcripts of their completed qualifications.
- A copy of the applicant's AUT transcript will be added to the application by the Scholarships Office once grades have been finalized.

#### 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 in 120pts in an approved programme within a twelve-month period. Approved study may be in Semester 1, Semester 2 and the Summer Semester (if available). Recipients undertaking a Professional Doctorate may spread the 120pts of coursework over two years.
- Scholars will normally enrol in no less than 120pts during the tenure of the scholarship. Permission to study less than 120pts will be given only in exceptional circumstances. In such cases the total value of the scholarship will cover the points taken within the scholarship tenure period.
- Funding for less than 120pts will only be considered in exceptional cases only i.e. health, carer responsibilities. Evidence of the inability to commit to the programme full-time will be required. The scholarship will not fund papers taken in subsequent years.
- The award will be paid as a contribution to fees only unless a stipend is also awarded.
- When awarded, the stipend will be paid in two equal instalments being half in the first semester of study after the date of withdrawal from study and, subject to satisfactory progress in the first semester of study, the remaining half in the second semester of study after the date for withdrawal.
- Scholars who are awarded a scholarship under financial hardship will be required to meet with a Student Hub Advisor for budget advice.
- The recipient may hold other scholarships with the approval of the Scholarships Office.
- 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 degree will not normally be approved unless there are compelling medical or personal circumstances beyond the student's control.
- Deferral and suspension requests must be made in writing to the Scholarships Office
- Scholars who pass all papers and achieve a minimum GPA of 7.0 (A-) over the period of award will be eligible to apply for an AUT Masters (by Research) scholarship to support their thesis paper. A student recorded as having Māori or Pacific first ethnicity in ARION will be eligible to apply with a minimum GPA of 6.5 (B+/A-) across a minimum of 120pts in the year of application
- Recipients who take up this Scholarship but do not complete the qualification may be required to pay back full or part value of the scholarship received.