

## AUT Accommodation Scholarship – Disability, Deaf or Rainbow

**Closing Date: opens May 2022 – available until all spaces filled**

### PURPOSE

The AUT Accommodation Scholarship – Disability, Deaf or Rainbow is designed to support students who are enrolling in an AUT undergraduate or postgraduate programme for the first time in Semester 2, 2022 or were new to their programme of study start of Semester 1, 2022 but face barriers to continuing their study in Semester 2, 2022. The scholarship recognises the impacts of Covid 19 for students entering tertiary study, aiming to reduce the burden of living and travel expenses while completing full-time study at AUT for the first time.

The scholarship guarantees accommodation at AUT's [Te Āhuru Mayoral Drive](#) student accommodation facility located minutes from the AUT city campus, regardless of whether you currently live in Auckland, or beyond. The student accommodation offers a safe and secure location with an on-site pastoral care programme and 24/7 concierge. Say goodbye to travel expenses and long commutes and get ready to build lasting friendships and study with like-minded students.

The scholarship will be paid directly to AUT's Te Āhuru Mayoral Drive student accommodation facility operated by Unilodge.

### AMOUNT AND TYPE OF AWARD

60 scholarships are available.

1. The scholarship is paid as full weekly rental at Te Āhuru Mayoral Drive student accommodation facility for Semester 2, 2022.
2. The scholarship contribution is for one room, self-catered for a single resident.
3. The scholarship does not cover accommodation application fee, student residential life fee, or other costs associated with accommodation services.

### TENURE

The scholarship is awarded for one semester only.

### ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

Domestic and international students may apply if all other eligibility criteria are met.

Applicants for the AUT Accommodation Scholarship - Disability, Deaf or Rainbow must:

1. Be registered in Arion as a Disability or Rainbow student.
2. Be either:
  - a) applying for the first time to enrol at AUT starting Semester 2, 2022; or
  - b) be a graduate enrolling in a new programme of postgraduate study starting Semester 2, 2022; or
  - c) have enrolled for the first time at AUT starting Semester 1, 2022 but face barriers to continuing their study in Semester 2, 2022.

3. Applicants must have applied for and received an offer of place (conditional or unconditional) to a full-time programme of study (120 points) at pre-degree, undergraduate or postgraduate degree level (excluding doctoral) commencing Semester 2, 2022 or if applying under barriers to study criteria then commencing Semester 1, 2022.
4. Applicants must agree to a Residential Contract to reside at Te Āhuru Mayoral Drive student accommodation facility.
5. If awarded, applicants must be Covid-19 fully vaccinated or willing to become fully vaccinated should NZ Government, AUT or Accommodation provider settings require vaccination.
6. If awarded, applicants will be asked to provide documentation confirming tuition fee payment is covered for semester 2, 2022. This confirmation can include fees free, student loan or alternate arrangements.

### APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

Applications are open 6<sup>th</sup> May 2022 and close when all 60 places are filled. Applicants must complete the *AUT Accommodation Scholarship - Disability, Deaf or Rainbow Application* online through the *AUT Scholarships Database* from this [link](#).

Applicants will be required to upload:

1. Offer of Place in a pre-degree, undergraduate or postgraduate programme of study commencing Semester 2, 2022 or Semester 1, 2022 (barriers to continuing study).
2. Personal statement (maximum 500 words) outlining their academic goals, career aspirations and connections or contributions to disability or Rainbow networks. Applicants applying under the barriers to continued study must outline those barriers and how the scholarship will assist their continued attendance at university.

### SELECTION CRITERIA

1. The scholarship will be awarded to those applicants who study at the AUT City campus, South campus or North Shore campus.
2. The panel will include AUT Student Hub Disability and Rainbow representatives.
3. Applicants will be advised of the outcome by the AUT Scholarships Office.

### CONDITIONS OF ACCEPTANCE AND APPOINTMENT

- The award of this scholarship is conditional on the student enrolling in full-time study at the start of Semester 2, 2022.
- The recipient will enrol in no less than 60pts during the tenure of the scholarship.
- The scholarship will not be released until enrolment fees are paid and after the date for withdrawal from study in Semester 2, 2022.
- The recipient will reside in Te Āhuru Mayoral Drive Student Accommodation, and the award paid directly to that accommodation. Please note that the recipient will need to ensure they can cover other additional costs not covered by the scholarship.
- Recipients must be Covid-19 fully vaccinated or willing to become fully vaccinated should NZ Government, AUT or Accommodation Provider require vaccination.
- The recipient may hold concurrently other non-AUT scholarships with the approval of the Scholarships Office if the regulations for that other scholarship award or grant permit.
- 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 usually 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 take up this Scholarship but do not complete their semester of study at AUT may be required to pay back the full value of the scholarship received.